



Fortnightly Update – Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome to George Tomlinson Primary school. For those of you who have already been with us, we hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday.

It has been a busy two weeks packed full of home visits, preparing the environment, and settling the new Reception and Nursery children into school.

I have to say, the transitions have been incredibly smooth. The new children have looked happy, busy and very settled in their new surroundings.

Our New Year 1 children have had an absolutely wonderful week and a half. The children were very at home in their new classes with their new teachers right from the get go! They have all matured over the holidays and the behaviour has been impeccable!

NURSERY



The nursery children have had a great first week back. Our older children have welcomed their new friends and have been helping them with their name cards and showing them the right thing to do. We have had enormous fun playing with the boxes that our new furniture came in! Even when it was a little bit crushed the children used it as a slide!



Over the summer we had a very special delivery, courtesy of the PTFA. We ordered a wonderful and versatile unit for all the children's construction pieces, and a reading unit for children to have access to books in the garden. Thank you so much PTFA for your continued support!

RECEPTION

The reception team have also been busy with home visits during the first week. We decided this year, to visit all the children including the children from our Nursery who previously had a visit. This was so they also had a chance to become familiar with their new teachers in the comfort of their own home. It has been incredibly busy, but definitely worth it.

It has been a fabulous first week in Reception. The children have enjoyed exploring their new environment, learning new routines and getting to know their new friends.

The children have now all completed their first full day and are ready to start full time back on Monday.



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They had great fun today with a selection of different sized cardboard boxes. They worked together as a team from all three Reception classes to create a 'Turbo Powered Rocket Boat', complete with control panels.

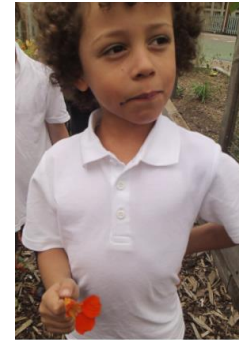
The children were co-operating and helping each other with cutting the tape, making it watertight and finding the resources needed.



Year 1

In year 1, the children have settled into their new classes. They been taking advantage of the warm weather and learning outside. They got to taste some of the produce from our Edible Playground. Some of the children found what they thought might be a dinosaur fossil! They carefully dusted the ground to see what they could find, just

like real life archaeologists, and discussed their findings.



Other children have been writing stories and acting them out in class. The children have started daily maths sessions after lunch. This week, we counted objects, matched numbers to amounts and found one more and one less than a given number. The children have also been reading with their teachers in order to prepare them to start phonics and reading sessions next week.

£10 FUND

We are now taking £10 class contributions.

This can be done either via ParentPay or in cash to your class teacher.



Thank you so much for your donations, they really make a difference to your child's daily provision!

WEEKLY DATES .

Toddler group is BACK!!!



Wednesday mornings - 9.00 – 10.45am - Toddler Group. Please come and join in the



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fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area.

Afternoon toddler group is finished for the term and will start again soon!! Watch this space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Tuesday 17th PTFA meeting for ALL Parents
Friday 20th - Jeans for Genes. Bring £1 and wear jeans!

October

Thursday 10th Reception reading workshop
Thursday 17th Reception family morning 9.00-9.45am
Thursday 17th Reception phonics workshop 3.30 – 4.00pm
Friday 18th – Last day before half term
Monday 28th – Children back to school

Thursday 30th Reception Maths workshop

December

Friday 20th - Last day of term
Inset day 6th January 2020
Tuesday 7th January 2020 first day back