



Fortnightly – Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are about to enter the last week of term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support this year. It's been a difficult year for various different reasons, many of which have been beyond our control. Your children have been incredibly resilient, and it has been a pleasure to see them flourish and develop over the past summer term, ready for the next stage of their learning despite lockdown.

We nearly made it to the end of term without any isolations. I was very sorry to have to break the news to Hedgehogs' parents and carers last week; however, the week has flown by and we can't wait to see them all back on Monday.

This week, children have been spending some time with their new classes. Every child will have had some time in their new class room with their new teacher, in various combinations (Zoom, Dojo, face-to-face)!!!

Next week, we will have to say some sad Goodbyes. Ms Garrett will be leaving us and moving on to new ventures, having nearly completed her training to become a counsellor. She has contributed greatly to the school in an incredibly short space of time, bringing in a wealth of musical opportunities, including: The Rocksteady Band, ukulele, violin, guitar and piano lessons. She also implemented our Eco Council, running weekly meetings on environmental issues, generating ideas with our Eco Warriors to encourage climate change, promoting recycling across the school. She helped the school receive it's Eco Schools' Green Flag award, and much, much more. Thank you for everything Ms Garrett we shall miss you very much!!!

We shall also be saying a very sad goodbye to Ms Carter, she has completely transformed the school in the last five years and we can't

thank her enough for everything she has contributed. She has been an inspiration to us all; touching everyone with her enigmatic presence, compassion, and positivity. We will remember her for all the wonderful experiences she has given the children; from climbing Mount Snowdon, to the amazing Immersive Theatre Experience that came to visit before lockdown along with the termly surprises: unicorns, dinosaurs, alien eggs and Harry Potter Day!



'Ms Carter, thank you for making George Tomlinson a great school, for looking after us all and making us feel special, and for leading us through the upset and uncertainty of the last few years. We shall miss your jokes, your surprises, your passion for children's well-being and success. We wish you all the very best for your future in Scotland. Please come back and visit soon!' From Everyone in the Early Years, Year 1 and the rest of the school!

This will be my last newsletter this term, I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.

Kind regards

Jessica Mendelssohn EYFS Lead and Interim Deputy



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NURSERY

We have had fun day fever in the nursery for the past couple of weeks preparing for our All-Day Sandwich celebration Day that happened today! All the children from both sessions attended nursery all day so it's been a busy, busy, but amazing day!



The children wrote their own names for their place cards for the lunch table and the most sparkly and shiniest party crowns ever!

We had a great time eating lunch with our friends and teachers and had huge fun pulling our Christmas crackers that we couldn't do at Christmas time. Better late than never!



Our special treat after lunch was a delicious fruit pastel ice-lolly, we loved talking about the colours and which one was our favourite.

We ended our special day with a watermelon picnic in the garden.

Thank you all for your support with our special day.

Pam Johnson
Nursery Teacher

RECEPTION

We performed a repertoire of songs which we uploaded to Dojo for our families to see how amazing we are at singing and how many songs we have learnt since we started nursery. We played party games and had a lucky dip.

This week Hedgehogs have been doing some great home learning with Miss Huff and Mrs Panesar, while Pine Martens and Otters remain in school.

The children have been talking about their move to year one, sharing their favourite memories of Reception and thinking about what they would like to learn next year.



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The children in school had huge fun at their sports day this week! They carried out a range of challenges in the large playground such as: a sack race, a beanbag balance race, a relay race, quoit throwing and a basketball shoot out.



our nouns, verbs and adjectives and thinking about our audience. After this we learned about informal letter writing and wrote to Ms Carter with all of our persuasive reasons and our whole range of Year 1 punctuation! Happily, Ms Carter said yes!



The children also met their new Year 1 teachers on Thursday afternoon. They were very excited to see which class they will be in! In class we have been telling lots of helicopter stories, reading books and exploring subtraction using Numicon.

We all enjoyed a day of bouncy castles, traditional games, face painting and the delicious snacks that the classes had prepared all the week before using their maths skills to measure our quantities for lemonade, pizza breads, biscuits and strawberry cake. Our next mission is to write our thank you letters!



YEAR 1

As part of our final English project Year 1 planned a Fun Day. Firstly, we discussed what a Fun Day could be, what we could remember from the past and what we would like to see at one using exciting vocabulary. Then we designed persuasive posters to encourage people to want to have one using



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Dates for your Diary

June

Tuesday 29th 1.30 PM & FT New Nursery
Transition meeting 1st session Zoom

July

Friday 2nd July – Maths dress up

5th Children's sports week Reception and
Year 1 usual PE days

Thursday 22nd – Last day of term

Secondhand Uniform Shop run by PTFA

We sell good quality secondhand uniform at very reasonable prices. Logo and plain uniform and PE kit from supermarkets, John Lewis and M&S in all ages from 3-4 to 12-13.

Green logo jumper £3.50
White logo polo shirt £1.50
Green logo cardigan £3.50
Grey skirt, skirt, culottes £2 - £3
Grey trousers £2 - £3
Grey dress £2 - £3
Black school shoes £7

Plain white polo shirt 50p
Green summer dress £2 - £3
Grey shorts £2 - £3
Blue logo PE jumper £3.50
White logo PE T shirt £1.50
Blue logo PE trousers £3
Blue PE shorts £1 - £2
PE plimsols £1 - £2

PE Kit

We also stock school bags, coats, hats and uniform for the GT nursery. Collection and payment available at the school office.

All money raised supports activities and events funded by the PTFA for all children at George Tomlinson Primary School.
Contact us on uniformpta@gmail.com to place your order today.