

## *Greens Norton CE Primary School*

### Class Blogs

If you haven't done so already please take a look at the Classes page on the website and read each class's weekly blog alongside photos. These will give you a flavour of what's been going on in each class and may help your child to talk about their learning with you.

[www.greensnortonschool.co.uk](http://www.greensnortonschool.co.uk)

### A new face

From next week we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Vivien Webb to our team of staff. Mrs Webb will be based in the office alongside Mrs Jakes every morning. She will be the first point of contact for parents and visitors to the school and will assist with the many administrative tasks that keep the school running smoothly.

### Thank you

Thank you for your generous gifts of food this morning for our Harvest Service. All the donations will go to the Towcester Food bank.

The children enjoyed a brisk walk down to the church and then showed their usual enthusiasm as each class led an item of Harvest celebration. Even our new Reception children entertained us with Dingle Dangle Scarecrow! It was lovely to see so many family members in church celebrating with us.



### Parent mail

Communication between home and school is a vital part of the successful partnership we want to enjoy with you. I believe it is a key aspect of achieving the very best outcomes for our children. Currently we spend a significant amount of money and time printing and copying letters and other information to ensure that every family receives the communication.

In a bid to save money and save trees, **could I make a plea that if you have not yet registered to receive parent mail and you can, that you do!** Please ask in the office if you require further information regarding getting started. Our aim is to reach as near as possible to 100% registration so that we can send everything out electronically, knowing that it will reach you safely and not be found weeks later at the bottom of a book bag!

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



### A sad goodbye

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Parfitt this week. Barbara has served as a governor of the school for the last six years, committing a lot of time to the role and providing wise counsel and caring support to all staff. Many of you will have been touched by her kindness I'm sure and will want to join me in wishing Barbara well in her second retirement!

Happily, we will still enjoy regular visits from her as she has agreed to lead singing assemblies with the children fortnightly. Our repertoire of songs should grow quickly and the children's confidence likewise.

Thank you Barbara.



### A Reminder

#### **Data Collection Sheet and Permissions form**

Please ensure that these are checked and completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

### Extra funding to support your child

Could your child be eligible for Free School meals? **If so, the school can receive extra funding every year for the next six years to further support and enhance their learning and wellbeing.** This extra funding is significant and it is important that we do not miss out.

Even if your child currently has free lunches under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme for children in Reception and KS1, **you need to apply in order for the school to receive the extra money.** It is really simple and requires very little effort. You will still order meals online with ABM as before; your child will not notice any difference.

#### **Check your eligibility now:**

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Or simply bring your National Insurance numbers and ask Mrs Jakes to assist you. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### Barnwell Country Park Trips

You should have received a letter this week detailing arrangements for our trips to Barnwell Country Park next week. But briefly...

Monday— Kingfishers & half of Herons

Tuesday—Kestrels & half of Herons

Wednesday—Magpies & Robins

**If you have not yet made your payment for this trip as originally advised please send it in with the permission slip.**

Have you ordered a packed lunch?

### Volunteer Helpers

School is a busy place with lots going on and packed-full days, but we would really welcome any additional adult support. **If you have a spare afternoon and would like to come in and read with children each week, or if you have a skill that you think we may be able to utilise, please do let us know.** We will support and help you if this is new for you; the children really enjoy reading to other grown ups or finding out about new hobbies or skills.

If this is for you or a grandparent maybe, either speak to your child's class teacher or call in at the office and speak with Mrs Marsh.

