

26th January 2018

## *Greens Norton CE Primary School*

### Thank you!

If you haven't yet been in to have a look, please come and see our **new hall curtains**. The rather old and faded 80's curtains have gone and been replaced, thanks to the fundraising efforts of the PTA, with lovely new red ones. We can now open the top window curtains and see the stained glass transfers designed by past pupils several years ago. This is the first stage of our refurbishment of the hall; we hope to raise funds to have the entire hall painted over the summer.

Thanks too to Mrs Justice who has kindly re-upholstered our piano stool with matching fabric; it looks amazing.



### Challenge Cheryl

Our first **Challenge Cheryl Lunch** on Thursday last week was a great success and thanks to your orders Cheryl beat her previous record of 110 lunches and provided 116 superb lunches for our children. Cheryl is keen to look for ways to improve the lunches so seeks and welcomes feedback from the children. Roast dinners remain the most popular lunch, but closely followed by barbecued chicken.

Look out for our next Challenge Cheryl Lunch





### Waitrose Community Matters Scheme

Greens Norton School PTA have been selected as one of the charities for the month of February in the Towcester branch of Waitrose. Please support us by telling friends and family to add their tokens to our cause throughout February.

This Waitrose donation will go towards gardening tools for our forthcoming gardening club starting soon.



### Golden Time

As most of you will be aware, every Friday we reward the children with a half-hour of golden time in school. This is a social time when children mix across the whole school and participate in a chosen activity such as, sport, art, crafts, singing, construction. It is our way of recognising positive behaviour choices throughout the week, and also a way of helping children who have fallen short of our expectations accept a consequence and reflect on their behaviour choices.

In order to improve communication and ensure that you, as parents and carers, are kept fully informed, we will in future send home a slip informing you of any golden time your child has missed and the reason(s) for this. We would be grateful if you could return the reply slip signed on the Monday to your child's class teacher. This is purely for information purposes and we do not expect you to take any further action other than to encourage your child to try hard the following week to heed warnings and avoid crosses!

If a child is regularly missing golden time through poor behaviour choices, we will arrange to meet with you to discuss further strategies to support your child.

**Golden Time**

### Sports Day

Sports day—we plan to hold a sports day for the children on Friday 22nd June, with a reserve date of 29th June in case of poor weather.

Staff have begun to reflect on last year's sports day and would like to make some changes to the structure and organisation of sports day this year. I would welcome parent views and invite interested parents to meet with me to discuss and share ideas. Please email or phone the office with your name and days/times you could be available to meet with myself and other parents. I will then try and find the most popular time and contact you with a meeting time.

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Thank you in advance.



### Greens Norton CE Primary School - Term dates 2018/19

Term 1	Training day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
	Training day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
	School re-opens	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
	School closes	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Term 2	Training day	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
	School re-opens	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
	School closes	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Term 3	School re-opens	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
	School closes	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Term 4	Training day	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
	School re-opens	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
	School closes	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 5	School re-opens	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	School closed – bank holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
	School closes	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Term 6	School re-opens	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
	School closes	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July

The equivalence of one further training day will be incorporated as twilight training sessions for staff

### School Attendance

Greens Norton Primary School is committed to maximising attendance for all pupils to enable them to benefit fully from their education. We believe that regular attendance is vital for effective learning. The school also believes that regular and punctual attendance teaches pupils valuable skills for later life.

I would like to refer parents to our Attendance policy published on the school website under Key policies, which outlines the strategies we employ to promote good attendance for all our children. I am not permitted to authorise absences for family holidays and am obliged to refer unauthorised absences of five days or more, where overall attendance falls below 90%, to the Local Authority who may issue a fixed penalty notice.

I ask for your support in ensuring that our children's attendance at school is as high as possible.

## Greens Norton CE Primary School PTA



As a Headteacher I am very grateful to our current small group of parents who work with such enthusiasm and commitment to support the school. Already this year they have organised cake sales, discos, refreshments at the local Bonfire Night and at our Nativity performances, and the Christmas Fair. Not only do these events add so much to the life of the school and the children's experiences, they help to raise much needed funds. With the help of the PTA this year we have been able to purchase:

- ◆ building blocks for Reception
- ◆ resources for the new Year 1 classroom
- ◆ our brand new hall curtains
- ◆ subsidy of the trip to Barnwell Country Park
- ◆ the Christmas Pantomime
- ◆ Atomic Tom Science workshops at the start of this term.

However, this level of input to the school calendar and provision of so many exciting events for our children are at risk if we do not get a few more parents on board helping with the PTA. **Please consider whether you are able to help, either as a full member of the committee, (we meet in an evening approximately monthly), or as a volunteer at events.**

Please complete the attached slip and return to the school office or email the PTA offering your services or expressing interest in finding out a bit more.

[greensnortonpta@gmail.com](mailto:greensnortonpta@gmail.com)

## Greens Norton CE Primary School PTA

I would be interested in joining the PTA and coming along to the next meeting on Wednesday 7th February 7.30pm at the British Legion Club.

I am happy to be contacted to help with forthcoming events, e.g. Cake sale, Film Night, Mothers Day gift sale, Second hand uniform sale, Summer Fair.

I am interested in finding out a bit more about the PTA and how I might be able to help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s name(s) and classes \_\_\_\_\_

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