

21st September 2018

Greens Norton CE Primary School

A great start for our new Reception children

This week has seen our new Reception children complete full days in school. Wrens class has been a hive of activity both inside and out all week, expertly steered by Mrs Carter, Mrs Crouch and Mrs Murphy. We are very proud of all the children and pleased at how well they have settled into the routines of school.



Harvest Service at St Bartholomew's Church

You are all invited to join us on **Friday 28th**

September at 9.15am in the church for our Harvest

Service. All the classes will be taking part in some way as we focus on being thankful for the food and shelter that we enjoy, and reflecting on fairness and how we can share with others. Children will be asked to bring donations of dried and canned food into school to take down to the church on Friday morning. All donations will be taken to the Towcester Foodbank for distribution after the Harvest weekend in Church. Your generosity in supporting this much needed service is appreciated.



Greens Norton Primary School Choir

Monday was the first meeting of our new choir. This is open to all children in Years 3 to 6 and is geared towards children who perhaps lack confidence in singing. Jess is our musical director and wants children to enjoy singing whatever their ability. We meet every Monday after school in Kingfishers classroom until 4.20pm. This club is free until half term, when a £1 charge per week will be requested to help finance the choir going forward.



Reception intake September 2019

If you have a child or know of a child who turns 4 before 31st August 2019, it's time to apply for their school place. Applications should be made at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions and the closing date for applications is 5.00pm on the 15th January 2019.

Does this apply to your child or do you know someone who has a child starting school next September? If so, we are inviting all prospective parents to come and look around Greens Norton school and see what we offer.

Thursday 11th October 2018 at 10.20am

Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 1.30pm

If these dates or times are not possible for you then please phone the office to arrange an alternative time. 01327 350648

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.



Healthy Lunches

As parents and carers I have no doubt that you take the health of your child seriously and encourage healthy habits as they grow up and begin to make decisions for themselves. Likewise we want to support this in school. The standard of cooked food available for the children at lunchtimes is very high and is required to meet the School Food Standards. In line with this we want to encourage those bringing packed lunches into school to follow similar guidance. **Therefore we ask that no confectionary products—sweets and chocolate—are included in the children's lunchboxes.**



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you receive any of the following your child is entitled to free school meals at school and the school will also receive extra funding to support learning through the Pupil Premium.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - income dependant

Please search online for 'Free School Meals Northamptonshire' or ask at the school office.

Attendance Award

Attendance Awards for week beginning 10th September go to Kestrels, Magpies and Wrens classes for 100% attendance

A reminder for parents of Year 6 pupils

Applications for Secondary School places must be submitted by 5pm on 31st October 2018. The easiest way to apply is online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions. You will need to register using an email address. Alternatively you can apply using a paper preference form from the Admissions Team, tel: 0300 126 1000.



Coming soon PopUK

With financial support from St Bartholomew's Church and the Coffee Club we have been able to sign up for an exciting opportunity for the whole school.

During the week beginning 1st October all the children will be taught and will rehearse seven new songs. An expert from PopUK will lead this in school over two days. This will then culminate in a professional recording followed by two concerts in the church on Wednesday 10th October—one in the afternoon and one in the evening. All parents/carers, grandparents and members of the church and community are invited. CDs of the recording will be available to buy on the day.

Further information will follow but please make a note of this date in your diary -

Wednesday 10th October—Whole school PopUK concerts in the church

Online safety

I think we are all aware of the dangers lurking for children as they enjoy online games and social media, and it is important that we educate them as well as ourselves of how best to stay safe whilst enjoying the benefits of the internet. Please read the items below aimed at achieving this.

On Monday 24th September a representative of the NSPCC will lead an assembly for KS1 children and another for KS2 children on how to stay safe. This will be followed up by a workshop with pupils in Year 5 and 6 on Monday 1st October.



If your child uses Instagram, please go to <https://wellbeing.instagram.com/parents> for a parents guide on how to support safe use.

On **Tuesday 20th October at 6.15 pm** Simon Aston, the County Online Safety Officer, will be in our school to lead a parent workshop on how to keep children safe online. Simon is always engaging when he presents and is up to date in his knowledge—this is a session not to be missed.

Individual child photographs

Mango Photography will be in school on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October to take photos of each child individually. Photos and a range of packs will be available to buy and will make great Christmas gifts. There will be an opportunity for pre-school siblings to be included in family groups before the start of school. Further information will follow.

Christmas Cards

Following the success of this last year, the children will each be designing a Christmas card for professional printing. All being well, proofs will come home with details about ordering mid November. This is a small fundraiser for us but a lovely way to celebrate your child's creativity.



Earrings

A reminder that for safety reasons earrings or jewellery of any kind cannot be worn for PE. Please ensure that your child either removes earrings before coming to school on PE days, or is able to remove them safely themselves.

Thank you for your support with this.