

GREENFIELD (C of E) V C LOWER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival assembly takes place on **Thursday 1st October** at 9.30 am. Any parent who would like to join us will be very welcome to attend. We would be very grateful to receive any harvest gifts for this service, which will then be distributed during the morning to elderly people who live alone in Flitton and Greenfield by our Year 4 children. If you know of anyone who lives alone, who has not received a parcel in the past, please let the office know. As far as possible we try to make these gifts up into boxes with a selection of items for each person. In order for us to do this we would, if at all possible, prefer these to be brought to school from Monday of next week and all perishable goods by Wednesday, at the latest, so that we can make up the boxes in advance. Thank you in advance for your donations as these parcels are always greatly appreciated.

Our choir will be taking part in the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 4th November. If any Year 3 or 4 children would like to do a short reading please let Mrs Staff know tomorrow. You are very welcome to come along and join us at this service if you are able.

Parents Evening

Parents evening takes place on **Wednesday 14th October 6-8pm and Thursday 15th October 4-6pm**. Appointment forms will be in the hall from **Monday 5th October** for you to select a slot. Please note that because of this Art club will not take place on Wednesday 14th October.

Beanstalk Challenge

If your child is taking part in this Dr Barnardo's activity please send any donations into school on Tuesday 6th October, the children should bring their beans in on Friday 9th October.

Fun Run

The GSA have organised a Fun Run for the afternoon of Friday 9th October, this is a good fund-raising event and the children do enjoy taking part. This event takes place at 1.30pm at school and parents are welcome to come along and support their child. The GSA will be sending home sponsor forms with your child shortly.



Tesco & Sainsburys Vouchers

We have recently taken delivery of some wonderful PE and classroom resources, thank you all for sending in the vouchers and supporting this very worthwhile initiative.

Operation Christmas Child

For the past nine years we have been supporting this charity which distributes filled shoeboxes to children in need. Last year over 1.2 million boxes were distributed to disadvantaged children across Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Africa. There are lots of ideas in the leaflet of things to put in the boxes – shoeboxes were chosen so that they will all be of a similar size. It is very important that the lid and the box are wrapped separately as the contents of the boxes need to be checked at Customs. Each box should be accompanied by a donation of £2.50. Samaritan's Purse request that, if at all possible this should be made on-line at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk, as this saves money that can be used to further help the children, or if this is not convenient in the envelope provided, cheques are preferred made payable to Samaritan's Purse. These donations are used towards the cost of collecting, storing, transporting and delivering the boxes. You can also give a donation to help further the work of the charity if you wish.

We will be sending home one leaflet per family but if you would like another please let us know! With your help, this year we would like to collect 100 boxes between Greenfield and Pulloxhill if possible. Boxes must be here ready by Friday 6th November. This will give you half term to put together your boxes; I'm sure the children will enjoy thinking of ideas for things to put in themselves. If you have your box ready before half term however we would be very pleased to have it.

Yours truly,

Mrs A McCullion
Headteacher

