



*Collaborating for Success*

3rd September 2018

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to seeing the children return to school this week and welcome our new families and their children to Norton Juxta Kempsey CE First School. We are anticipating another exciting and productive school year.

#### Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Lowe who got married over the summer break and will return to school as Mrs Shoukry. We welcome a new member of the support staff team Miss Stack and a new teacher in Key Stage 1, Mrs Scott.

#### Important Dates

Our calendar of events will be sent out shortly to all parents. Once issued please note the following dates: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 - school closed for pupils (Training day). Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Open Morning and Macmillan Coffee Morning. School will be open as usual for pupils on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019. This date was previously planned as an INSET day.

#### Change of Age Range Update

Our request to become a primary school is still under consideration by the Regional Schools Commissioner and Head Teachers Board. Although this process is taking longer than anticipated, we are hopeful of a decision in October which, if positive, should allow us to offer Year 5 places in September 2019 as this timeframe still falls within the deadline for Middle school applications (mid-January 2019).

#### Beautiful Bench

Many thanks to Mrs Aitkin (Mum of Xander and Ely) for her time and talents during the end of the Summer Term. Mrs Aitkin worked with all of the pupils in school to decorate a 'book bench' in memory of Mrs Lovegrove our well-loved friend and governor who sadly passed away in 2016. Many thanks also to the PTA who donated the money for a commemorative bench to be purchased. The bench looks lovely sited outside the front of school.

#### School Website: [www.nortonfirst.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.nortonfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

Our school website is populated with lots of useful information, both for parents and children, so please check it out. Shortly we will be updating the calendar of events for this academic year and copies of school letters will be published on the site too.

Yours Sincerely

Julia Dean  
Headteacher