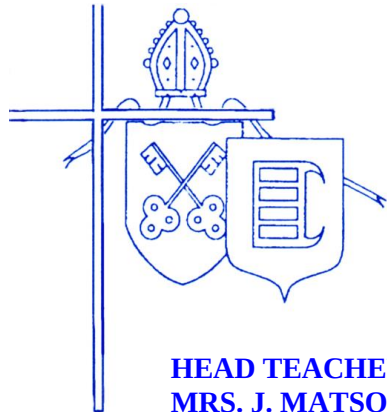




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Dear Parents and Carers,

This doesn't happen often but I am speechless!

I just don't have the words to express how unbelievably grateful, thankful and moved we are all feeling in school by the generosity shown by you all towards others in our local community.

Last week I wrote out to you and explained that we would be holding our annual Harvest week in school, discussing the value of thankfulness, thinking about the wonders of creation that surround us, what we are fortunate to have in our lives and what we can do to 'love our neighbour' and help others.

I asked for your support in showing our children how much a community working together can do to support others and I'm not afraid to admit, I hadn't fully anticipated the scale of the effort that was to follow.

Every day this week I have greeted both parents and children at the school gate armed with donations for Gloucester Foodbank. Some children tell me that they helped look through the cupboards at home to find items on the Gloucester Foodbank shopping list to donate, some tell me they have even been shopping with you specifically to purchase items to give to others.

On the next page you'll see some of the fruits of your labour. In worship each morning, the children have all had the opportunity to see the donations on the table growing and we celebrated Harvest in Church yesterday, in a very thought provoking and reflective service led by Reverend Rob. Children across the school have helped with adding donations to the display, bagging up the supplies and helping Gloucester Foodbank load their van.

From school to you, I want to pass on a MASSIVE thank you.

Thank you for your generosity.

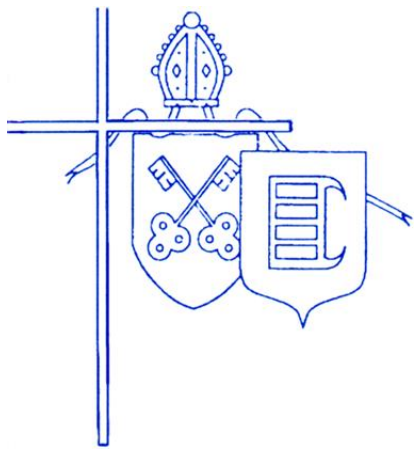
Thank you for taking the time to speak with your children about the importance of doing what we can to help others.

Thank you for joining in our school community effort and demonstrating what 'loving your neighbour' and doing the best we can for the benefit of all really looks like.

Many thanks for your overwhelming generosity and support for our local community,

Mrs Julia Matson
Headteacher





Barnwood Church of England Primary School Harvest Week 2021



School Vision in Action

For Barnwood to be a school where we **'Love our neighbour'** and work together to **be the best that we can be for the benefit of all.**

Working with all members of our school community we want to provide our children with the best possible learning experiences so that they grow into ambitious and responsible citizens.

Our Christian vision and its linked values are at the heart of our school and rooted in the theology and Biblical teachings of Matthew 22, verse 39, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

