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Dear Parents,

Today we bid a very sad farewell to Mrs Gamble. The children put on a very special assembly for her this morning, full of singing and some tears. We know you will join the whole of the Snitterfield School Family in wishing her well for the future.

***** CHANGE OF DATE: TEACHER DAY*****

You will be aware that the Governors have changed the date of the planned Teacher Day (originally Monday 4th June) to **MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY.**

We do appreciate that it will not be possible for some families to change their childcare arrangements. In response to this we have coordinated with our childcare partner, Beckie Reaper at Kids Club, who is able to offer full or half day care for that day if needed.

Please contact Beckie as soon as possible to book a place. Pop into school to see her after school any day or call her on 07979 837873.

It's time for the Biggest Birdwatch in the World
27th - 29th January 2018

Snitterfield School Eco Group are inviting you all to take part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch this weekend.

Just chose an hour on Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th January to watch the birds in your garden or park then use the identification sheet overleaf to record what you see.

Only count the birds that land in your garden or park, not those flying over.

The same birds may land more than once. To avoid counting them twice, please submit the highest number you see of each bird species at any one time in the hour - not the total number you count over the hour.

Let the RSPB know what you saw in the hour, even if you saw nothing - it's still really useful information. You can also tell them about other wildlife that visits your garden or park during the year too.

You can fill in your results online - go to rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or you can post them for free to

FREEPOST RSPB

BIG Garden Birdwatch (This is a short address but apparently it will get to them!)

Please send your results by February 13th and if you need any help please speak to one of the Eco Group members who would also love to know if you see anything unusual - Have fun bird watching.

From the Eco Group: Noah B-C, Mia, Meisha, Lewis, Demi, Aaliyah, Lauren & Ronnie
(with a little bit of help from Hilary Schmidt-Hansen)

Sit back, relax and take part in the Birdwatch

How many of these birds will you see?


Pull up a chair, make a cuppa, and you're ready to start. Write **the highest number of each that you see at any one time** in the box. For example, if you see a group of eight starlings together, and towards the end of your hour you see six together, please write eight as your final count. Where we don't show male and female birds, the sexes look similar, but not always identical.

 <input type="checkbox"/> Blackbird Your number should combine males and females	 <input type="checkbox"/> Blue tit	 <input type="checkbox"/> Chaffinch Your number should combine males and females		 <input type="checkbox"/> Coal tit
 <input type="checkbox"/> Collared dove	 <input type="checkbox"/> Dunnoch	 <input type="checkbox"/> Goldfinch	 <input type="checkbox"/> Great tit	RSPB PRIORITY SPECIES  <input type="checkbox"/> House sparrow Your number should combine males and females
 <input type="checkbox"/> Greenfinch	 <input type="checkbox"/> Long-tailed tit	 <input type="checkbox"/> Magpie	 <input type="checkbox"/> Robin	RSPB PRIORITY SPECIES  <input type="checkbox"/> Starling
				 <input type="checkbox"/> Woodpigeon

How often do you see other wildlife?

You may not see the creatures below in your hour (especially hedgehogs, slow worms and grass snakes, which may be hibernating), but we'd like to know if any have visited your garden or local park **in the last year** and, if so, roughly how often. Please put the appropriate letter from the key (right) in the box next to the animal. Please don't leave any boxes blank, so if you don't know write "F".

Thank you for helping us find out more about your local wildlife.

 <input type="checkbox"/> Badger	 <input type="checkbox"/> Fox	 <input type="checkbox"/> Frog	 <input type="checkbox"/> Grass snake	 <input type="checkbox"/> Muntjac
 <input type="checkbox"/> Great crested newt	 <input type="checkbox"/> Grey squirrel	 <input type="checkbox"/> Hedgehog	 <input type="checkbox"/> Mole	 <input type="checkbox"/> Red squirrel
 <input type="checkbox"/> Roe deer	 <input type="checkbox"/> Slow worm	 <input type="checkbox"/> Stag beetle	 <input type="checkbox"/> Stoat	 <input type="checkbox"/> Toad

Key

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| A Daily | D Less than monthly |
| B Weekly | E Never |
| C Monthly | F Don't know |

Some species do not appear in all parts of the UK.

Other birds and wildlife seen in your hour:

If you didn't do the Big Garden Birdwatch at home, where did you do it?

Postcode

How many people took part?

Adults Children

Thank you so much for your help!

Collared dove by Paul Chesterfield; female blackbird and woodpigeon by Chris Gomersall; robin, male chaffinch, great tit, male and female house sparrow, coal tit, blue tit and dunnoch by Ray Kennedy; female chaffinch, goldfinch, toad by Richard Bowler; starling by Andy Hay; greenfinch and male blackbird by Nigel Blake; long-tailed tit by John Bridges; magpie by Graham Eaton; fox, slow worm, stoat, badger, red squirrel and stag beetle by Ben Andrew; grass snake by Steve Knell; hedgehog by Eleanor Bentall; mole by David J Slater; great crested newt by David Kjaer; blue tit (overleaf) by Tony Hamblin; muntjac by David Norton; grey squirrel and roe deer by Ben Hall (all rspb-images.com). Goldfinch (overleaf) by Bazil/Dreamstime.com and robin (overleaf) by Tim Gainey/Alamy; frog by RSPB.