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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Parents,

**The value for the month of FEBRUARY is KINDNESS**



This month we will be **KIND** in our actions and in everything that we do. We will also be focusing on our Attitude for Success; To **WORK HARD** and achieving **BRONZE** and **SILVER** certificates this month. The value of the Month will link into Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup> and help us think about Mothering Sunday that we will celebrate later in the term.



Taking Risks, Making Mistakes and learning from them and Dreaming

**BIG** are the goals that we want the children to work towards in their Attitudes to Success this month. We look forward to the children achieving their awards throughout the term. The goals are shown at the end of the newsletter for your reference. Please talk to the children about how they can achieve these at home and in school.



THANK YOU for all your kind donations for the food bank in Cambridge so far this half term. We will continue collecting foods until half term and take them to the food bank to distribute to the homeless that use the centre.



We have had another successful BIG DRAW with the children producing beautiful pencil sketches of musical instruments. These are displayed in a gallery in the hall for you to enjoy whenever you visit the school



### Chinese New Year 2017 - The year of the Rooster

The children celebrated the Year of the Rooster on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. The school was a wash of red with the children wearing wonderful clothes and the school being decorated with lanterns and posters. The parents of our Chinese families took time and care to make this day very special for everyone and brought in food and art and calligraphy activities for the children to enjoy. Huge thanks go out to Leyla's, Jackie's, Sophie's and Viola's parents who all made this day very special for everyone at the school. The children then enjoyed a Chinese promotional meal on Friday that complimented the celebrations.



## Growth Mindset - Questions of the week

This term we are asking the children a question at the start or end of every day to help them think about how they have approached their learning that day. The question changes each week. Please do the same at home and ask the children the questions below, perhaps around the breakfast or dinner table as it will hopefully give you an insight into your child's learning. It would be great as well if you shared your answers to the same questions. The questions we have asked so far have been:-



**This week we are asking the children to share what mistake they made that taught them something.**

### Dance

Kingfisher and Magpie class have both enjoyed a morning of Dance led by a specialist from Premier Sport who delivers the Wednesday morning extra curricula activity. Magpie have learnt a dance based around the **RAINFOREST** and will perform it at their assembly on Friday. Kingfisher have learnt a dance based around Chinese New Year, which they will perform on the last Friday of this half term at their assembly.

### FoBs

FoBs continue to raise funds for the school and have recently bought the new red lockers for Year 2. The student council have asked if FoBs can help them buy 1 more computer for the computer suite and some small goal posts for the younger children to use at lunch time.

FOBs have sent out the Bricks for School campaign to help the school raise £10,000 for the extension and new toilets. These will be added to the entrance of the new lobby.

FoBs will also be organising a special edition 2017 school tee shirt for all the children that can be worn as part of their school uniform - and a similar tee shirt in the colours of the houses that the children belong to. These coloured shirts can be worn for Sports day, PE lessons or when we have fund raising colour days. They will send details out when they have them.

### Reporting and parent consultations

Reports will be sent to parents in MARCH, during the second half of this term. These will be followed by consultations on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents that have already sent back their questionnaires. Please may I ask that these are returned by Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> and if you require another questionnaire please contact Mrs Judges in the office and she will email you a copy or print a paper copy out for you to collect. Your views are very important to the school and help us shape the way that we deliver the curriculum for you and your children. May I also ask you to complete parent view online. This is a DfE government questionnaire that is anonymous

but is an added support for the school and Governors to gather and evaluate your views. Their website is <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/7745/current>

### Teacher training

We have been fortunate to welcome Mr Brown, a trainee teacher on the SCIT programme with Essex university, this term who will complete his placement on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February having spent time working in Duckling and Kingfisher. In term 3 we hope to welcome students from the PGCE course at Homerton - Cambridge University, to work in Owl and Duckling classes and gain valuable teaching and learning experience from the teachers and children.

In June we will also welcome 2 x Year 10 students from Sawston Village College for a 2 week placement. They will work across the whole school during these dates.

### The work of the Student Council.

The Student council will be working on projects this term to help improve the school. They are currently planning activities for Comic relief on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. They will be selling 2017 Noses and will be asking everyone to wear RED and decorate their faces with funny hair or wacky glasses. We will have a RED cake sale and red nail painting sessions throughout the day - parent volunteers would be gratefully received to help with these events please.



### Book Fair

The school will be having a Travelling Books Fair on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. We are holding the book sales at 8:30-9:00am in the School Hall on these three mornings so that you can look at and enjoy the books with your children. For this event to be possible help is requested from parents to man the book stall and help with the sales of the books. If you are able to help selling the books on any of these dates may I ask you to email or call in to the Office and let Mrs Judges know. Thank you for your support.



## Sainsbury Vouchers

### Sainsbury's Active Kids is back

# Sainsbury's



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Active Kids vouchers can be collected from all Sainsbury's stores from January to May. We have a collection box by the front door and may I ask that you and your friends and family collect the vouchers if you are shopping at Sainsbury's and drop them off in the collection box at school. They are a great way of building up sports equipment, outdoor resources and this year Sainsbury's are also offering Cooking and Nutrition Toolkits.

This year we were able to buy balls, catching equipment, bats and ankle ropes and balls with the vouchers collected and the children have been enjoying these at playtime .

## Safeguarding and PREVENT Duty

"Babraham C of E (VC) Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its children and young people" The Designated Child Protection (DCP) Staff members in the school are Mr M Verde - Headteacher and Mrs Helen Bett. Mr M Verde is also the PREVENT Officer for the school and the Governor responsible for Child Protection is Mrs Jan Moore. All teachers and Governors have recently undergone Prevent Training.

## School Dinner costs :-

Please note that lunches cost £2.25. **ALL children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be entitled to a universal FREE school meal.** May I ask that whenever possible that you pay your child's school meals in advance. Please calculate the lunches your child will have from the following information below:-

- 1 meal per week = £2.25
- 2 meals per week = £4.50
- 3 meals per week = £6.75
- 4 meals per week = £9.00
- 5 meals per week = £11.25

You can pay for your child's lunches in advance by sending a cheque to the office made payable to "Babraham Primary School" or you may wish to pay online at 20-17-19, 90395803 stating your child's name and "school dinner". Please email Mrs Letellier at [office@babraham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@babraham.cambs.sch.uk) and she will record your payments.

## Babraham Website

Please may I ask that you check the school website <http://www.babrahamschool.org.uk/site> to keep up-to-date with information and events happening within school. If you have changed your telephone numbers or email addresses please let Mrs Judges know and she will update your details.

### Dates for your diaries for Term 2

#### Term 2 dates 2016-2017

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Book Fair 8:30-9:00am in the School Hall
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - GENR8 Inspire Prayer Spaces at St Peter's Church (all day)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - BIG SING Assembly 2:30pm and cake sale at 3.20 - all donations welcome
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March - BAG2SCHOOL by 9.30am**
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Reports to parents
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evenings
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - RED NOSE DAY - **WEAR RED FOR CHARITY**
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday Assembly 9:30am

#### Class Assemblies

Magpie - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30pm - cake sale at 3.20 - all donations welcome

Kingfisher Assembly - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am - cake sale at 3.20 - all donations welcome

Duckling - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am - cake sale at 3.20 - all donations welcome

Owl - **Wednesday** 15<sup>th</sup> March - 2.30pm - cake sale at 3.20 all donations welcome

#### Easter Dates

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service at 9.30am - St Peter's Church

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Chalking, Easter assembly and Egg Hunt - 1.30pm onwards - All welcome

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Break up for Easter

This half term school will break up on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 3.20pm.

The first day back at school after half term is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Many thanks for all your continued support

Mark Verde

## Attitudes for Success

### TO WORK HARD

#### Duckling

##### Bronze Award 1

1) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Listen carefully and ask questions

##### Silver Award 1

2) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Cooperate and share my ideas with others

##### Gold Award 1

3) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Try to always do best and get better and better
2. Try different things

#### Kingfishers

##### Bronze Award 2

1) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Listen carefully and ask questions
2. Cooperate with my talking partners to generate and share ideas

##### Silver Award 2

2) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Keep going when things are difficult
2. Bounce back if I make a mistake and not worry what others think

##### Gold Award 2

3) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Work hard because it helps me
2. Take risks and learn from my successes and mistakes

## Magpies

### Bronze Award 2

1) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Listen carefully and ask questions.
2. Cooperate with my talking partners to generate ideas.

### Silver Award 2

2) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Ask for help after trying to solve the problem myself.
2. Keep going when things are difficult.
3. Bounce back if I make a mistake and not worry what others think.

### Gold Award 2

3) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Work hard because it helps me
2. Take risks and learn from my successes and mistakes
3. Keep pushing myself to try new and different things and improve

## Owls

### Bronze Award 3

1) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

1. Listen carefully and ask meaningful questions.
2. Cooperate with my talking partners to generate and share ideas so that we can learn from each other

### Silver Award 3

2) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

- 1) Be willing to try things that will be difficult.
- 2) Ask for help after trying to solve the problem myself.
- 3) Bounce back if I make a mistake and not worry what others think.

### Gold Award 3

3) When I work hard and push myself to improve I will:-

- 1) Keep going when things are difficult.
- 2) Work hard because it helps me
- 3) Take risks and learn from my successes and mistakes
- 4) Keep pushing myself to try new and different things and improve



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## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2016

Training Days Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Autumn Term Opens Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Autumn Term Closes Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 2016

2017

Training Day Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Spring Term Opens Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February

Spring Term Closes Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Training Day Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Summer Term Opens Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Training Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Half Term 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Summer Term Closes Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

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Training Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Autumn Term Opens Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Half Term 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 27<sup>th</sup> October

Autumn Term Closes Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

2018

Training Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Spring Term Opens Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February

Spring Term Closes Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Training Day Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term Opens Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Training Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June

Summer Term Closes Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July