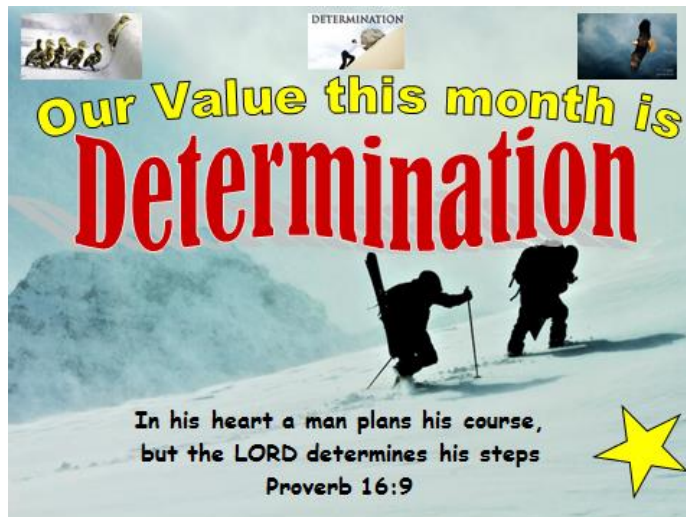
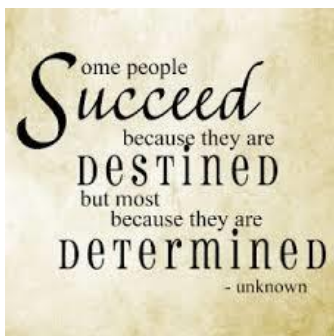




JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Parents,

The value for the month of JANUARY is DETERMINATION



HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome back to school after what I hope has been a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This month we will be DETERMINED in our actions and in everything that we do. We will share the above quotes with the children but may I ask that you also talk about them together at home .

We will also be focusing on our new Attitude for Success which is to:-
Work Hard and Push Ourselves to Improve



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The food bank in Cambridge were very grateful for the food that we donated as a school. This half term we will be collecting dried goods and tins and will take them to the food bank to distribute to the homeless that use the centre.



Thanks you for the great support with the celebrations at the end of the term. The Nativity, Christingle , Pantomime , Carol Service and Hamper raffle were a great success. Photos can be seen on the website for you to look at but a few are shown below.



FoBs have raised more than £2000 for the school in the Autumn term from the Bonfire, Tea Towel sale, Cinema Night and the Hamper raffle . They will be continuing to support school with fund raising and community activities throughout the year. Please feel free to support Fobs in away way that you can. You may wish to join the meetings at school or offer some time at an event. ANY help is always gratefully received.

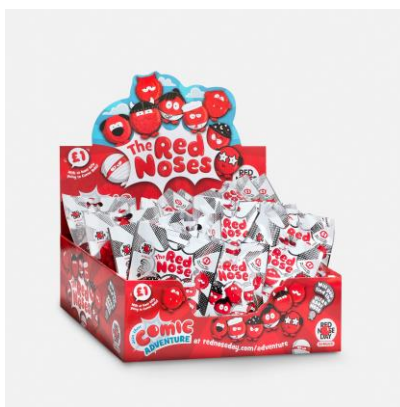
The work of the Student Council.

The Student council will be working on projects this term to help improve the school . There next main project will be to plan activities for Comic Relief RED NOSE DAY on Friday 24th March. They will be selling 2017 Noses and will be asking everyone to wear RED and decorate their noses.

The noses will be on sale NEXT week



There will be a cake sale at the end of the day where you may be able to buy some SNIFFER DOG BISCUITS or SNOOTS wraps.



Parent Questionnaire and data dashboard

A parent questionnaire will be sent out to all parents via email and as a paper copy to all children later this month with a request to complete this and return it back to the office by the end of this half term . Your thoughts help us to evaluate the school and make improvements for the future. Questionnaires will be available at the school office if you do not receive this in your child's book bag. May I also ask that you complete the PARENTVIEW for 2016-17 for the school. This is found at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. This is an anonymous questionnaire that is made public on the Ofsted website and is another valuable source of information that helps us triangulate your views. We are aware of the mixed views relating to homework and will try to address these. Many parents want more homework and many want less. We will do our best to try and provide the best balance for all children and parents.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year will be celebrated on Thursday 26th when children will be asked to wear red , gold or Chinese costumes and will enjoy a morning of Chinese activities. On Friday 27th of January there will be a promotional Chinese New Year meal at school .



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.

During the training day on Wednesday January 4th all the staff all received child protection training update from Cambridge Local Authority.

Governor news

The Governors would like to inform all parents that Ms Carole Anastasi has joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor.

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.**

There are 12 weeks of term 2. 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 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.

PARKING

In the interests of the safety of the children and school community, please may I ask all drivers to be mindful of where and how they park outside school. A number of parents were very upset last term by the way cars are parking.

Please DO NOT use the school gate entrance as an area to turn around as this is very dangerous.

Dog walkers have also asked that all parents passing through the gate from the pocket park to the path leading to school is closed at all times. There is concern that unattended young children run ahead down the path and could run out into parking or reversing cars.

BIG WRITE , DRAW and SING and DANCE

This week the children will be writing about their Christmas experience. On Monday the children will have a BIG DRAW when they will be asked to draw a musical instrument . If your child has an instrument that they would like to draw they can bring it in to school on Monday. Throughout this half term the children will be learning another song to present at our BIG Sing after half term based on ABBA songs. Years 3-6 will receive choral lessons each Friday afternoon and every class will receive a dance morning related to their topic this term. Please feel free to share your ABBA collection with the children at home and help them learn the songs.

Welcome

This term we would like to welcome Mr Brown who will be completing part of his Post graduate Course in Education training at Babraham School. He will be working in Duckling and Kingfisher classes for this half term.

Ms Barker is unwell and will not be returning to school until later in the term.

Dates

Proposed dates for 2017-18 have been added to the newsletter for your reference.

Many thanks for all your continued support

Mark Verde

Dates for your diaries for Term 2

Term 2 dates 2016-2017

- BIG WRITE - this week
- BIG DRAW - Monday January 9th - A potted house plant
- Tuesday February 7th - Prayer Spaces - GENR8 - St Peter's Church (all day) - ALL help welcome
- BIG SING - Friday 24th February at 2.30pm
- W/B February 6th - Book Fair
- Thursday January 26th - Chinese New Year day - wear RED
- BIG SING ASSEMBLY - Friday 24th February 2.30pm
- Thursday March 9th - BAG2SCHOOL - 9.30
- Friday 3rd March - Mothering Sunday assembly 9.30am
- Friday 24th March - RED NOSE DAY

Class Assemblies

Kingfisher - Friday 10th February 9.30am - cake sale at end of the day all donations gratefully received on the day

Duckling - Friday 10th March at 9.30am - cake sale at end of the day all donations gratefully received on the day

Magpie - Friday 3rd February at 2.30pm - cake sale at end of the day all donations gratefully received on the day

Owl - Wednesday 15th March - 2.30pm - cake sale at end of the day all donations gratefully received on the day

HALF TERM - 13th February to 17th February

Easter Dates

Easter Service - Thursday 30th March - 9.30 - St Peter's Church -

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

Friday 31st March - Break up for Easter

Many thanks for all your continued support

Mark Verde



Attitudes for Success

This term I am learning: -

TO WORK HARD

and

Push Ourselves to IMPROVE

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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

Babraham C of E (VC) Primary School

PROPOSED

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2017

Training Day Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

Autumn Term Opens Wednesday 6th September

Half Term 23rd October - 27th October

Autumn Term Closes Tuesday 19th December

2018

Training Day Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Spring Term Opens Thursday 4th January

Half Term 12th - 16th February

Spring Term Closes Thursday 29th March

Training Day Monday 16th April

Summer Term Opens Tuesday 17th April

May Day Monday 7th May

Training Day Friday 25th May

Half Term 28th May - 1st June

Summer Term Closes Tuesday 24th July