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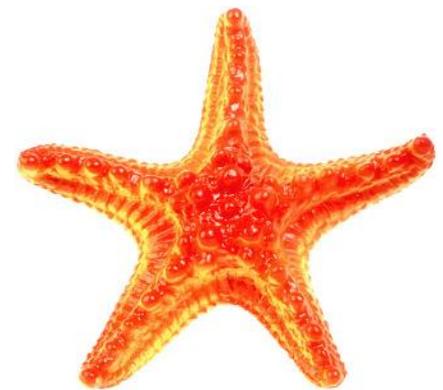
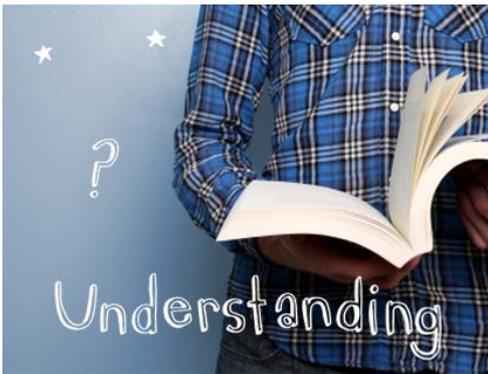


NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Parents,

The value for the month of NOVEMBER UNDERSTANDING.

Welcome back after what I hope has been a lovely half term. This month we will be focusing on the value of **Understanding** which links to our attitude to success of Understanding Ourselves and Others. We will be continuing to look at how we can best grow our minds by focusing on and learning about Growth Mindset. To do this we will want the children to understand themselves by knowing what they can achieve with hard work and commitment. We will be helping them to take risks, learn from mistakes, bounce back and share their successes with their peers. By the end of the term we hope that every child will have achieved their Attitude to Success certificates by achieving the goals set against the bronze, silver and gold targets shown at the bottom of the newsletter.



November is a busy month starting with Parent consultations on Tuesday and Thursday evening. If you have not yet arranged a time to meet your child's teacher please speak to Mrs Judges in the office and she will look at the times that are available. This is a time when you can see how your child has settled and the class teacher can talk about the targets that your child is working on. The children from Year 1 - Year 6 will be given a standard of Emerging in Math, English and Science on their reports as they have only just begun studying a new curriculum for their age phase. The aim is that by the end of the year they will move through from Emerging, to Developing and onto Secure by summer. Some may reach Mastery by the end of the year in some subjects. The standards are all age related in line with the new national curriculum.

PHOTOS

Please remember that on **Thursday 3rd November** Tempest Photos will be in school for individual and family photos. If you wish to have your child's picture taken with a younger sibling not in school please be at school by 8.30am and the photographer will arrange the photo for you. If the siblings are in school we will arrange this within the school morning.

ASC Wellington BOOTS for DUCKLINGS

If your child is in Duckling class may I ask that they provide an extra pair of wellington boots for ASC. Their school boots are located in their outside classroom and are not accessible to ASC. Please talk to Sara or Sam and they will explain where their boot box is situated for ASC.



Saturday 5th November
Church Lane, Babraham
5:30pm Bonfire lit
6:00pm Fireworks

Babraham Bonfire & Fireworks Night

BBQ • SOUP • HOT DRINKS • MULLED WINE • TOFFEE APPLES • GLOW STICKS

Advance tickets – Adults £3 • Child: £2
At the gate - Adults £3.50 • Child £2.50
Preschoolers Free

Advanced tickets available from Babraham School,
Lorraine (Babraham 665368) and The George Inn

NEW location for 2016 in the beautiful grounds of Babraham Hall

FoBs

On Saturday November 5th we will have the FoBs Bonfire . This will be down by the church this year and there will be food, drinks from approximately 5.45pm and a wonderful display that is due to start at 6pm. Please buy tickets from the office if you have not yet bought one and spread the news to your family and friends via social media.

If you are able to help on the night please let FoBs know as help is always gratefully received.

At the AGM in October FoBs voted in Mrs Paula Wells to be the Chair and Mrs Sarah Richards and Mrs Lorraine Penney to be joint Deputy Chairs. Mrs Alison Ades will maintain all Finances for FoBs and Mrs Kelly King will remain as the secretary.

Fund Raising

The Welly walk for Africa was a great success and the children raised £50 . This will be sent to the charity.

This term the student council are organising our Children in Need Day that will be on Friday 18th November. Posters have been placed around the school and children will be asked to bring in cakes to raise money for the charity and wear spots for the BIG SPOTACULAR day.

Food donations are being collected at the front of the school and will be taken to a shelter for the homeless in the local area in the last week of term. These donations have been gratefully appreciated and are particularly needed at this time of year.

£150,000 school improvement

The school has been able to agree with the Local Authority (LA) to improve the toilets by Duckling class and have a secure lobby built on the front of the school. Both projects will cost approximately £150,000 and it is estimated that work will begin after Easter 2017 and may last a number of weeks. The toilet by Duckling will be converted into a small cloak room with 2 children's toilets and an adult toilet leading off from this area. The front lobby will extended out to the window by the Headteacher's office and make a much more secure and safe entrance for all at school.

In order for this work to take place the school has agreed to provide £10,000 towards the build. This is a large sum of money and I would like to ask all parents to think creatively about how the funds can be raised - either through work companies or by contacting organisations known to you that may help support this project. The positive impact that the build will have on the children and school environment will be huge, however support to raise the £10,000 will be needed. Please contact the office if you require any information or can offer your help and support with the fundraising.

LOCKERS

Magpie and Owl class are very excited about having lockers to store all possessions: their bag, PE bag and coat. These are located in the hall and the Y3-6 children will enter the school in the morning through the hall side door. Y5/6 are the only children who are permitted to drop bags off into lockers between 8.45 and 9.00 providing they ask the teacher on duty. Please help your child to be smart with what they bring into school - some children seem to have bags that are bigger than themselves! Kingfisher will be the only class that will use the cloakroom area for the time being but we aim to provide lockers for Y2 after Christmas. The cloakroom area will be gradually transformed into an office / teacher work space.

BIG WRITE

The BIG WRITE this term will be based on a traditional tale chosen by the class teacher. This will prepare the children for their visit to the pantomime at the Arts Theatre in December. Please share lots of traditional tales with your child this month.

DEMAT update

We have been informed that our application to join the DEMAT is moving forward and it is expected that we will become an academy by December 1st. The date has been put back a month due to the demand that the Department for Education is currently facing. I will keep you informed when I receive more information later in the term.

The process of joining the DEMAT has meant that we have to change our bank account. The current school account will close on November 30th 2016. Please DO NOT make any payments after November 30th into the current school bank account. New bank details will be communicated in due course.

Mr Tim Coulson - Regional Commissioner for Education

Following on from the visit from MP, Heidi Allen to Babraham School on 21st October, The Regional Commissioner for Education in the South East, Mr Tim Coulson will be visiting Babraham Primary school in December to find out about the great work that the children are enjoying at school.



Guided Reading

Thank you to all the parents who have generously offered to read with the children. The last whole school guided reading session will be on Thursday 24th November.

PE and School Uniform

Thank you for providing your children with school uniform or the colours of the school. The children look so smart and part of a community - showing that they are all equal and respect one another. PLEASE may I ask that you LABEL EVERYTHING - including Wellingtons, which can have the name written inside with indelible pen please. The school has a variety of donated, good quality uniform, which is available throughout the year FREE. This is often displayed on a rack at the front of school or in the entrance by the hall. Please take whatever you feel you could use and any unwanted school uniform can be donated to the office so that it can be passed on to other children.

For health and safety reasons, long hair needs to be tied back with a hair band. May I ask that you ensure your child has a hairband if they have long hair, particularly if they are in Years 5 and 6 as the office does

not have any spare hair bands. If your child wears stud earrings they will need to have these covered for PE with special tape. May I ask that you ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on their PE day if possible please.

Medicines and illness

Regular school attendance is vital for every child and Babraham C of E (VC) Primary School does all that it can to maintain high attendance figures. Nevertheless, from time to time children will become ill and may require some time out of school to recover. In general, where a child requires medication (or treatment) they should be kept at home until the course of treatment is complete.

There are, however, a few exceptions:

- When a child has almost fully recovered and simply needs to **complete** a prescribed course of medication (eg antibiotics) for a day or so.
- Where a child suffers from asthma (or any other occasional ailment) and may need to use an inhaler.
- The use of an EpiPEN
- A prescribed, long term regular medicine

Where equipment such as an inhaler is necessary, we strongly encourage children to take personal responsibility for these items as soon as possible. They are stored in a medicine cabinet in the office.

Over the counter pain killers/non-prescription pain killers will not be administered by staff and on no account should be brought on to the school premises by children please. The full policy for Administration of Medicines is shown on the school website.

Should your child suffer an illness related to vomiting or diarrhoea they must remain off school for **48 hours** after the symptoms have finished. This is really important as it prevents the spread of illness across the school. Please note that if you feel your child is unwell to do PE in the afternoon due to a cough or cold then they should not be in school for the morning either.

FoBs have organised for Tesco to produce school uniform as an alternative to the school supplier.

Please view the link below: <http://www.tesco.com/direct/babraham-primary-school/12013.school?source=others>

A link to the website has been attached on the top information bar of the home page

School dinners

Please note that ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a FREE school meal every day. CCS provide the school dinners for Babraham and they have set up a new website that is now live. The website address is :

www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk

We have added the link directly to our school website, under OUR SCHOOL. For your reference the link is listed below:-
www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk/page/school-meals

Here parents will be able to find information on:

- Current menus (our standard choice and set menus)
- Nutritional content of school meals
- Local sourcing information
- Advice on special diets



There is also an on-line enquiry form for parents and schools to contact us directly.

The website is built in a responsive manner, meaning it's easily accessible on mobile, tablet and desktop devices.

School Dinner costs:-

Please note that CCS school lunches will cost £2.25. ALL children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be entitled to a universal FREE school meal.

There are approximately 7 weeks remaining of term 1. 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

Please send a cheque 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 or Mrs Judges at office@babraham.cambs.sch.uk and they will record your payments. **Please note that the current bank will close on 30th November so no online payment should be made after that date.**

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help raise the attainment of pupils. It is paid to a school according to the number of pupils who have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years. Parents can apply at ANY TIME if they think they are eligible. If you feel you may be entitled to pupil premium please look at the following link www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

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 the office know and they will update your details.

Dates for your diaries for Term 1

Term 1 dates 2016-2017

- Monday October 31st - Children back to school after half term
- Monday October 31st - Term 1 reports to parents at 3.20pm
- Tuesday November 1st - Parent Consultations - from 4pm onwards
- Thursday November 3rd Parent Consultations - from 4pm onwards.
- Saturday November 5th - FoBs Bonfire Night - 5.30pm onwards - ALL welcome
- November 1st and November 15th - Open morning for prospective Reception Parents for 2016
- November 3rd - School Photographs - 8.30am - 11.00am
- **FRIDAY November 11th - Armistice Day service at in Babraham - 11.15am**
- Thursday December 8th - School Christmas Nativity - St Peter's Church - 6.00pm - All welcome
- Tuesday December 13th - Whole school trip to the Arts theatre to see **Dick Whittington**
- Thursday December 15th - Christingle - 9.30am - All welcome
- Friday December 16th - Christmas Jumper Day - Donate £1
- Tuesday December 20th Candle Lit service at 9.30pm - All welcome
- Tuesday December 20th - End of term - 3.20pm

Assembly Dates

Kingfishers - Tuesday 8th November at 9.15am All welcome

Ducklings - Friday 18th November at 2.30pm - All welcome

Owls - Wednesday 23rd November at 2.30pm - All welcome

Cake sales will be at 3.20 on the day of the assembly - all donations welcome on the day

This term school will break up Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 3.20pm. The children will return back to school on Thursday 5th January.

With best wishes and many thanks for all your continued support

Mark Verde



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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2016

Training Days Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2016

Autumn Term Opens Monday 5th September 2016

Half Term 24th October - 28th October 2016

Autumn Term Closes Tuesday 20th December - 2016

Training Day Wednesday 4th January 2017

Spring Term Opens Thursday 5th January

Half Term 13th - 17th February

Spring Term Closes Friday 31st March

Training Day Tuesday 18th April 2017

Summer Term Opens Wednesday 19th April

May Day Monday 1st May

Training Day Friday 26th May 2017

Half Term 29th May - 2nd June

Summer Term Closes Friday 21st July

Attitudes for Success

This term I am learning: -

TO UNDERSTAND OURSELVES and OTHERS

Aristotle made the distinction between what he called *Sophia* and *Phronesis*. *Sophia* was the wisdom of the world and *Phronesis* was the application of this wisdom. Successful people use what they know to try to be useful to others. Instead of asking "What is in it for me?" they ask "What can I give?"

All children at Babraham School are given the Essential Opportunities to:-

Discuss and learn techniques to improve in the attitudes for success

Study role models who have achieved success

Study those who have lost success and relate this to the attitudes of success



Duckling

When I concentrate and understand others I will:-

Bronze Award 1

1. Sit sensibly and look at the person who is talking.

Silver Award 1

1. Show good looking, listening and sitting

Gold Award 1

1. Do as I am told and not get distracted
2. Smile and be friendly and polite

Kingfisher

When I concentrate and understand others I will:-

Bronze Award 2

1. Show good looking and listening by:-
 - sitting sensibly
 - looking at the person who is talking.
 - listening to the person talking

Silver Award 2

1. Smile and be friendly and polite
2. Do as I am told and not get distracted

Gold Award 2

1. Allow the speaker to explain what they think
2. Talk only when they have finished
3. Think about what the person has said before answering

Magpie

When I concentrate and understand others I will:-

Bronze Award 3/4

1. Smile, be friendly and polite
2. Sit sensibly, look at the person who is talking and listen to what they say
3. Ignore distractions

Silver Award 3/4

1. Allow the speaker to explain what they think
2. Talk only when they have finished
3. Think about what the person has said before answering

Gold Award 3/4

1. Talk politely and clearly to everyone.
2. Think about how I share my thoughts so that I include everyone
3. Use good eye contact to engage the listener

Owl

When I concentrate and understand others I will:-

Bronze Award 5/6

1. Always SMILE, be friendly and polite.
2. Sit sensibly, look at the person who is talking, listen attentively and remember what they say.
3. Give my full attention and ignore distractions.

Silver Award 5/6

1. Allow the speaker to explain what they think
2. Think about what the speaker has said before responding with my opinion.
3. Be enthusiastic and contribute to class discussions

Gold Award 5/6

1. Engage the listener and gain their attention by speaking with a clear, calm and audible voice and using good eye contact.
2. Think about how I share my thoughts so that I include everyone
3. Consider the views and feelings of others by being mindful of what I say.