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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Parents,

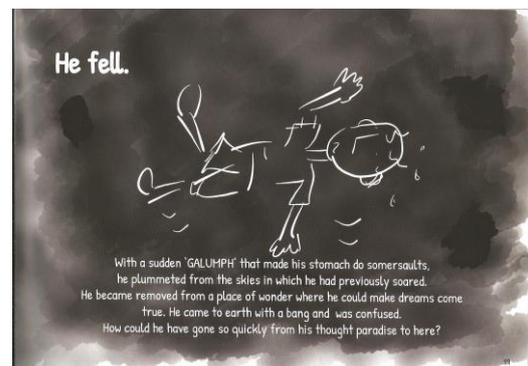
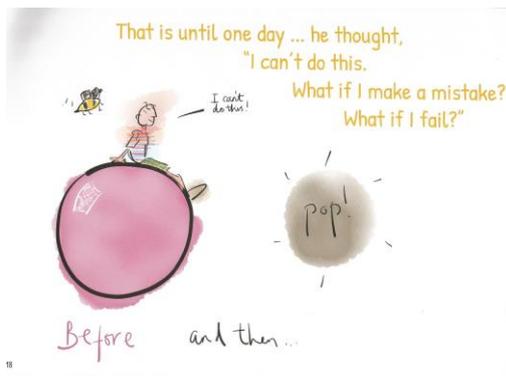
Welcome back to school after what I trust has been a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

### The value for the month of SEPTEMBER is ADVENTURE



This term we will be developing out Attitude for Success by Understanding Ourselves and Others by looking 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 have a sense of adventure so that they take risks, fall down and bounce back and Never Give Up.

In assembly today the children listened to a story about a little boy called Fortitude who had wonderful ideas until one day... he thought, I can't do this. What if I mistake a mistake? What if I fail?



He did not want this thought to get the better of him. He was determined to get the better of it. He realised that with the addition of 1 word ... YET , he was able to turn a horrible thought into a positive thought. And with that he aimed for the stars and with a bit of effort and YET magic ... he reached them.



Over the term the children will be finding out how they can develop the skills to have a positive mind and approach to school, themselves and others around them so that they are able to tackle whatever they have to do to the best of their ability.

## Welcome

It was lovely to welcome all the new children to Babraham school today. Year 6 did a wonderful job of looking after the new reception children at break and lunch time and everyone enjoyed playing football in the new goals.

More photos are on the website for you to see how the children enjoyed their 1<sup>st</sup> day back at school.



**CONGRATULATIONS** go out to Miss Moore who got married over Summer and became Mrs MacKenner . Also congratulations to Mrs Payne who, at the end of July 2016 successfully became a higher level teaching assistant (HLTA). She will work with Duckling Class all week and on a Thursday afternoon she will cover Mrs MacKenner's PPA by teaching them Art and D&T .  
**WELCOME** also to Mrs Lander who had her 1<sup>st</sup> day as a new TA in Duckling class. She will be supporting Reception and Year 1 every morning and all day on Thursday.

## School improvements over the summer

We want to ensure that the school learning environment is stimulating and exciting for the children and over the summer holidays the school library area has been brightened up with orange and yellow. New book

shelves have been bought and arrived on Friday - these are now up and the books will be moved back into the library this week for the children to enjoy.

### **BIG DRAW and BIG WRITE**

The children will be completing a BIG WRITE this term where they will write about their holidays - a favourite day, event or place that they visited. They will have the opportunity to talk about their holidays in class before writing. May I ask that you spend some time this week chatting about something that you did this summer that the children may wish to write about.



The BIG DRAW will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September when the children will draw a bike helmet. If your child would like to draw their bike helmet please let them bring it to school on this day. We will have spare hats that the children can share and draw with a friend, however it is always fun to draw your own hat!



### **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 November 1<sup>st</sup>. I will keep you informed when I receive more information later in the term.

### **Guided Reading**

Guided reading has been a big part of our school week, which the children all look forward to and we have been very fortunate to have a committed group of parent helpers who have given their time each Thursday to support this session. We will be starting these sessions again from **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** and if you

are able to help between 9.00-9.30am on Thursday mornings and would like to volunteer your help, please let Mrs Letellier or your class teacher know.

## PE

The children will begin their PE lessons this week and will need to have their PE bags in school and left on their pegs. Please may I ask that all kit and school uniform is clearly labelled so that any misplaced items can be given back to the child. 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.

I don't want to wish the sunshine away but may I also ask that the children bring in a pair of labelled wellington boots, which we will place on new boot trollies by the hall in preparation for the Autumn when the field gets muddy. These trollies will be left at the **BACK** of school. You can access them in the morning through the side hall door, which will be left open.

## 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.](#)

Should your child suffer an illness related to vomiting or diarrhoea they must remain off school for 48hours after the symptoms have finished. The full policy for Administration of Medicines is shown on the school website.

## School Uniform

**Please CLEARLY label all school uniform, PE kit, shoes and wellington boots**

It is our school policy that all children are encouraged to wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Our school aims and objectives for this policy are based on the notion that school uniform :-

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart

- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Babraham C of E (VC) Primary School uniform consists of:

- White, or navy polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Grey or black shorts
- Navy jersey, cardigan or sweatshirt, with or without logo
- Summer dresses in blue / red checks or stripes

We ask that children who do not wear school uniform come suitably dressed for school in school colours.

- No denim jeans, baggy trousers or shorts, sports or casual clothing such as cropped or vest tops (sun safety) should not be worn.
- Children should wear shoes that have adequate support.
- Children should wear socks all year round.

The wearing of jewellery, except watches or small stud type earrings, is not allowed nor is the wearing of make up, nail varnish or wrist bands.

The school has a variety of donated, good quality uniform, which is available throughout the year FREE. This is 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.

### **FoBs news**

Fobs have a variety of exciting activities planned for the year ahead. Their main event this term will be BONFIRE night on Saturday November the 5th 2016. Please pop this in your diaries and if you are able to help with the organisation of this or any future events please contact the office or email FoBs on [babrahamfriends@gmail.com](mailto:babrahamfriends@gmail.com).

FoBS are a wonderful support to the school and all the funds that they have raised have been poured back into the school to support every child's education at Babraham Primary School.

Over the past 2 years they have helped provide computers and furniture in Years 6,5,4,3 and the computer suite.

This year they will continue to help the school with the goal of building the new library and help the school to provide dance and music opportunities for the children. They subsidise all school trips by providing a donation to reduce the cost of the transport and every Year 6 child will be provided with a Leavers Hoodie bought by FoBs.

One very easy way to help, is to shop via Easy Fundraising. Visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), choose to support Babraham School (Friends of Babraham School) Cambridge, and shop online with over 2700 retailers. You can also download the Find & Remind toolbar to your computer, which reminds you every time you shop at a site where a donation can be claimed. Over the past year over £200 has been raised for FoBS in this way, and it costs absolutely nothing



## 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](http://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](http://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 from September 2016 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 15 weeks during the whole 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 at [office@babraham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@babraham.cambs.sch.uk) and she will record your payments.

## Promotional meals

If you decide that your child would like a promotional meal throughout the school year it is important that you let Mrs Letellier know well in advance of the date as the school cook must order meals a few weeks before the date. If you normally have a school meal on the promotional meal day we will automatically assume you will have this meal. We will not be able to cancel a promotional meal on the day of the meal as it will have been ordered by the cook.

## 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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

## BAG2SCHOOL

On Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting Bags to School. BAG2SCHOOL is a charity that will donate 50p for every kilo of unwanted textiles. It is a **free fundraising scheme** established in 2001 and is a Charity that helps schools and other organisations raise funds from textile donations.

They collect the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Belts
- Soft toys



They do not collect :-

- Duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Curtains
- Towels
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing\*
- School uniforms
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



Bags will be sent home to every child just before the date . May I ask that you collect any unwanted textiles and bring them into school on Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> . The bags can be left on the grass at the front of school and will be collected that morning. The last BAG2SCHOOL raised £85

## 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 Letellier know and she will update your details.

## Dates for your diaries for Term 1

### Term 1 dates 2016-2017

- Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> - First day back after the summer holiday
- September 17<sup>th</sup> - Guided Reading with parents
- September 29<sup>th</sup> - **BAG2SCHOOL** by 9.00am
- Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> - International day of World Peace - Non uniform day - **blue and white** with a donation of £1.00 and cake sale at 3.20pm
- Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> - Science morning with Babraham Institute
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival at 9.30am at St Peter's Church - All welcome
- October 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability course Yrs 5/6
- Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> - Children break up for half term at 3.20pm

### **HALF TERM**

- Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> - Children back to school after half term
- Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> - Term 1 reports to parents at 3.20pm
- Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> - Parent Consultations - from 4pm onwards
- Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> Parent Consultations - from 4pm onwards.
- Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> - FoBs Bonfire Night - 5.30pm onwards - ALL welcome
- November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> - Open morning for prospective Reception Parents for 2016
- November 10<sup>th</sup> - Armistice Day service at in Babraham - 11.15am
- Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> - School Christmas Nativity - St Peter's Church - 6.00pm - All welcome
- Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> - Whole school trip to the ARTs theatre to see **Dick Whittington**
- Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> - Christingle - 9.30am - All welcome
- Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day - Donate £1
- Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> Candle Lit service at 9.30pm - All welcome
- Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> - End of term - 3.20pm

### Assembly Dates

Magpies - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm - All welcome

Kingfishers - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9.15am All welcome

Ducklings - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm - All welcome

Owls - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 half term school will break up on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The children will return back to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

With best wishes at the start of this new school year and many thanks for all your continued support

Mark Verde

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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

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

# 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