



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Parents,

The value for the month of OCTOBER is TRUST



We continue this term to develop our Attitude for Success by Understanding Ourselves and Others. We will be 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 trust in themselves and others so that they take risks, aren't afraid of making mistakes and share their successes with their peers.

In assembly on Friday the children listened to a story about a French man called Blondini who was a famous tight rope artist who asked a crowd for a volunteer to be taken across Niagara Falls in a wheel barrow - the only volunteer who trusted him was his mother who he took over the falls and back again .



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdIOiWH6g4Q>

Blondini had told the truth, but his listeners needed to trust him before the great truth could be demonstrated. Trust is a two-way thing and the children will be asked to trust each other to ensure that they can understand themselves and others around them. I left the assembly asking the children who they really trust, and if others can trust them? Please feel free to talk to your children about trust.

It was a busy week last week . We were fortunate to have the Babraham Institute coming into school and working with the children. After a wonderful assembly about sound with lots of measurements being taken

of noise made by the children, the children then spent the morning with scientists learning about chromatography, digestion and materials . We want to continue to raise the profile of Science this year by working towards the Science Mark and the Institute have kick started our drive to achieve this award. Huge thanks go out to Mike Hinton from the Institute for organising the morning and the many parents and scientist of the institute who gave up their time to work with the children.



The day really challenged the children and helped them develop the skills to have a positive mind and enquiring approach to science, themselves and others around them .

The School Library

The school library has been completed and is in full use. Thanks to FoBs who generously donated funds to decorate the area and buy new colourful book shelves and furniture. We were fortunate to receive another donation from the John Huntingdon Trust of £400 in September which will be used to buy new books for the library.



Lottery Donation

We have been fortunate to have our second lottery bid accepted and received £10,000 to improve the play area at the front of the school. Last week Premier Play installed aerobic equipment and have soft poured the area around the trim trail so that the children can use this area in all weathers. We look forward using this area very soon when it is complete.

BIG DRAW and BIG WRITE

The BIG DRAW is displayed in the school hall and everyone is welcome to admire the gallery of sketches that the children have produced this term.



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 1st. I will keep you informed when I receive more information later in the term.

Heidi Allen - MP

The school invited Heidi Allen, (MP for South Cambridgeshire) to Babraham School on 21st October to enjoy the great work that the children are producing and to feel the wonderful atmosphere across the school. She had a very enjoyable afternoon popping into all the classes and being taken around the school by Year 6. She has since spoken to the Regional Commissioner for Education in the South East - Mt Tim Coulson - and he has asked if he can visit the school later in the term.



Guided Reading

Thank you to all the parents who have generously offered to read with the children. It was wonderful to ensure that every child in the school has the opportunity to read with an adult and share their love of reading. Please support us with reading for pleasure and enjoy a book with your child regularly at home. This could be their guided reader or a book that they purely enjoy and is their own choice. Please read to your child - whether this be a magazine, the newspaper or their book choice. Your modelling of reading is priceless to your child. Please note we will NOT have guided Reading on Thursday October 13th as we have our HARVEST FESTIVAL at St Peter's Church at 9.30am. The donations for the homeless will be taken to the church on this day and the children are asked to bring a small donation of fresh or tinned food. The fresh food is cooked and given to the parish after a Sunday service and all food donations are given to John Huntingdon Charity.

Welly Walk to Africa

On Wednesday 19th October the school will be going on a Welly Walk around babraham to raise

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 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.

As the weather starts to get wetter over Autumn please ensure your child has a pair of trainers as well as some indoor pumps. **There is no such thing as bad weather - just the wrong choice of clothing.** The children will be doing PE outside and playing outside in all weathers. If your child has a cough or cold and is in school, then they should be well enough to do PE.

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.

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.

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

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.



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. The school library is the latest example of their great support for your children.

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 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 or Mrs Judges at office@babraham.cambs.sch.uk and they 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 the office 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.

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 3rd October - 5th October - magpie class to burwell residential
- Wednesday 5th October - Owl to Colne Valley railway
- Thursday 13th October - Harvest Festival at 9.30am at St Peter's Church - All welcome
- October 17th - 20th - Bikeability course Yrs 5/6
- Tuesday October 18th - GENR8 Day
- Wednesday 19th October - Welly Walk for Africa
- Thursday 20th October - Year 2 to Henry Moore Museum
- Friday October 21st - Children break up for half term at 3.20pm

HALF TERM

- 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
- **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

Magpies - Friday 14th October at 2.30pm - All welcome

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 half term school will break up on Friday 21st October. The children will return back to school on Monday 31st October

With best wishes and many thanks for all your continued support

Mark Verde



Babraham C of E (VC) Primary School

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