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## APRIL and MAY NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Parents,

The values for the months of APRIL and MAY are  
**Commitment and Bravery**



This month we will be **COMMITTED** to our work and **BRAVE** as we face the challenges of SATS and the final term of this school year.

Congratulations go to everyone in the school who achieved their goals in term 2 and took away their Attitude for Success certificates by achieving a **BRONZE**, **SILVER** or **GOLD** certificate for **WORKING HARD**. This term we will focus on **NEVER GIVING UP** as the final term is very busy and full of challenges and exciting times.

In term 1 the children focused their Attitudes on beginning a new year at Babraham by being **UNDERSTANDING** to themselves and others around them. This was achieved by helping them realise it was more important to always try to do and give their best in everything that they do and not to worry about mistakes made along the way but, instead, to embrace these and learn from them. This in itself was a great reward and achievement. In term 2 we focused on **WORKING HARD** by building a positive work ethic in all the children so that they knew that hard work, lots of practise and determination resulted in achievement whether it be big or small.

This term we will help the children to dig in deep and **NEVER GIVE UP** as it is a busy, long but exciting term and we will help them to build their stamina, by developing their resilience, resourcefulness

and self-acceptance of the children that they are.



THANK YOU for all your kind donations for the food bank in Sawston. The donations were taken to John Huntingdon Trust who gratefully accepted the food and sent their thanks to everyone. Tinned foods, tea, coffee, jars of sauce, soups and dried goods are always appreciated and I will drop off this term's food donations to the trust at the end of this half term. The donation box will be found by the front door.



## **EASTER**

Thank you for your support at the Easter service and the chalking's at school. This was followed by a lovely egg hunt in the afternoon when the sun shone and lots of chocolate was eaten. Many thanks to FoBs and Mrs Vellacott for organising this event

### **School Building**

Over the Easter holidays building started on extending the toilets in Duckling classroom. New sheds have been built as the old ones were removed for the extension. After half term the front lobby will be extended to provide a secure entrance. During these times of building there may be some inconvenience to parking and access through the entrance to the school but we will do our best to minimise these. Please be mindful of parking outside school and keep all entrances and the school gates clear at all times.

The middle school doors have had a coded lock added for safeguarding reasons. After 4pm these door will be closed and this area of school will not be accessible to parents or children. We will remind the children to remember all their coats and water bottles if they are at afterschool club. If they forget something at the end of the day it will to be collected the following day.

### **Growth Mindset - Questions of the week**

This term we will continue to ask the children a question a week to consider at the start or end of every day to help them think about how they have approached their learning that day. The question will change each fortnight. 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. The question for the start of this term is:-

**This week we are asking the children to share:  
What new thing did you learn about today?**



## Dance / BIG SING / Cricket and Swimming

The children will enjoy a 3<sup>rd</sup> term of singing with Emma, Dance with Kirsty and we will have swimming lessons at Sawston and Cricket on Weds mornings for Years 3-6. Richard Bardsley will deliver the cricket and will be providing a taster session for Years 1 & 2 after half term.

Dates for all these activities are shown on the website and school calendar. Please ensure that PE bags are in school and swimming kit is brought in a separate waterproof bag with a towel and goggles - ALL LABELLED please. Swimming will be for years 1-6 every Tuesday starting later in the term. Swimming kit must be taken home at the end of the day. All children are expected to go swimming unless they have a specific illness such as an ear infection or broken joint.

## BIG DRAW

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April the children will be asked to draw an aspect of the school with a focus on the new build. This will mark the work being carried out and help produce a visual diary of the development of the school.

## FoBs

FOBS have had to repair their shed as it has fallen down. A new shed was installed over Easter and will be able to hold all the resources used to support the events for the school.

Their latest newsletter went out at the end of last term and was full of the many wonderful events and fund raising that they have provided for the school. At the end of last term they provided £400 to help support the school to purchase some additional lap tops for the ICT suits

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 were sent to parents at the end of last term and your responses have been very positive. This term the report will be a celebration of your child's work where they have a large voice in the final report that will be sent to you in July.

## Teacher training

In March we were pleased to welcome Ms Nicolson to Duckling class and Ms Laurie to Owl class. They are PGCE students from Homerton and will be mentored by Mrs Hewitt and Mrs MacKinnon.

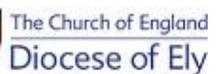
Mrs Deeks will continue working with Ducklings every Friday as she completes her SCIT training in our school setting.

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. These are students who were at Babraham before they went to Sawston. In July we will receive another Year 10 student for a few days from St Bedes.

## The work of the



## Student Council.



The Student council did a great job of organising and planning activities for Comic Relief on Friday 17th March. They sold all the noses Noses and asked everyone to wear RED and decorate their faces or wear funny hair or wacky glasses. They set up a RED cake sale and red nail painting sessions throughout the day and raised over £100 for this charity . In the final week of term they also played a very important role in the recruitment of Mr Barrett - the new Headteacher - by asking him a series of grilling question , from homework to school trips , teaching and learning to his favourite subject. This was all organised under the very watchful and caring eyes of Mrs Ellis who takes time each month to work with the student council.

**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 .

**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**



Mrs Judges continues to improve the school website and sends out an overview of the week every Monday morning. Please let us know if you have any feedback on the changes to the page.

<http://www.babrahamschool.org.uk/site>. 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 3

#### Term 3 dates 2016-2017

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - children back to school
- 1.5.17 - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
- 26.5.17 - INSET DAY - Children NOT in school
- Swimming - Tuesday morning [redacted]
- HALF TERM - 26.5.17-5.06.17
- Monday [redacted] Y5 taster mornings at SVC
- Monday 12.6.17 to Weds 14.6.17 - PjL residential - Y5/6 - Mrs Hewitt, Mrs tanner , Mr Verde
- Friday 16.06.17 - SPORTS DAY - 1.30pm - 3.30pm (providing it does not rain)
- Wednesday [redacted] - Meet the new teacher Day - Year 6 to SVC
- Summer performance
  - 11.7.17- Siblings - 1.30pm
  - 12.7.17 - Adults only - 6.30pm
  - 13.7.17 - Adults only - 6.30pm
- Swim gala - SVC- 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 leavers - St Peter's - 1.30pm - 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Final Assembly - 9.30am - 21<sup>st</sup> July

#### Class Assemblies

NONE in term 3 due to the school production

Bank Holiday Monday is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

This school will break up for half term on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May .

The first day back at school after half term is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Many thanks for all your continued support

Mark Verde