



Great Barford C of E Primary Academy



Autumn term — 2020

*Growing together through learning, friendship,
and worship*

Week 2

Thank you again for all your support in keeping our community safe.

Our staggered entry and exit is so much smoother now. Please remember though, if you are in the second entry or exit group, not to walk down the drive until the allotted time — the staff change over and there will be no one to meet your child

If your child has a bump during the day we will be sending bump notes via the school book bags again. We will not be asking you to sign at this point in time. If your child has a serious accident or a bump to the head we will of course call you to let you know during the school day.

There are a lots of coughs and sneezes around at the moment. If you are concerned about your child please look at the flow chart on the school website to help you to decide what action needs to be taken. Please also read the letter on page 2 of this newsletter that gives more detailed advice that has been issued by Bedford Borough.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Stars of the week

For the week ending 11th Sept



Owls: Tom & Imogen
Larks: Izzy & Louis
Swallows:
Woodpeckers: Savanna & Joseph
Swans: Neidas & Molly
Kestrels: Sammy & Freya
Falcons: Lauren & Kai



Owls: Louis
Larks: Florence
Swallows: Olivia
Woodpeckers: Betsie—mae
Swans: Darcy
Kestrels: Shay S
Falcons: Kitty

Thank you Waitrose

Having applied to be part of their green token school last year, we were really pleased to receive this lovely e-mail from Waitrose this week.

'I'm emailing you today to let you know that we would love to have Great Barford Primary Academy in our in store green tokens scheme for October. Due to the COVID-19 crisis we are no longer allowed to have the green tokens or the donation box on the shop floor for customer use, however we are still splitting the donation amount of £1000 between three charities every month, therefore giving you a donation amount of £333.'

What a kind gesture.

School lunches

From Monday 21st September we will be offering YN,YR & Y1 children hot school meals.. Caterlink will be offering: one main meal, a vegetarian option or a jacket potato. The meal is provided free for YR, Y1 & Y2 by the Government under their universal free school meal scheme.

School photos

Thursday 24th September

The children will have their photographs taken if permission has been given by parents/carers. There will be no family photos this year. If you have a child in Nursery who does not attend on a Thursday morning, please come into school at 9.30am if you would like their photo taken. Please go to the staff entrance (in carpark) and wait for a member of staff to let you in to the hall.

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been advised that we are seeing seasonal colds and respiratory illness earlier than normal this year. This means that there are more of these illnesses circulating at the moment, and it is therefore important to recognise the difference between these and COVID-19.

Children with symptoms of the common cold, including runny noses and sore throats, can continue to attend school so long as they are well enough to do so. Please be aware that we are unable to advise on whether a child should be in attendance or not as parents are best placed to make the decision on whether their child is fit for school in the morning.

Please follow the government guidelines and if your child is displaying any of the COVID symptoms they should remain home until a negative test result can be obtained or until 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

The government guidelines for parents/carers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Any siblings and other household members must also remain at home as per the guidance for household isolation which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please also see the flowchart on the home page of our school website to help you understand the steps that you should take.

If your child does attend school and a member of staff feels your child has any of the above symptoms, you will be asked to collect your child/children immediately.

We are, unfortunately, unable to allow symptomatic children back into school until a negative test result has been received or until they have isolated for 10 days since the onset of symptoms.