

Great Barford C of E Primary Academy



Summer term — 2022

Growing together through learning, friendship, and worship

Week 6

Parents Forum

Thank you to those of you that joined Mrs Collins and me on Monday for the relaunch of the parent forum; your opportunity to share your opinions and views to enable us to improve and move our service forward for you and your children. Sadly, there were only 10 Attendees on this occasion.

The first part of the meeting was an opportunity to share our success so far this year.

Over half term I will be recording a short presentation covering this again. It will be made available on the school website for all of our families to access.

The second part of the meeting was focussed on school communication. On page 2. I have shared all the current methods of communication that we use just as reminder of what we offer

There was a very positive discussion about what is working really well and what we can do to make our communication even better. Please see below the main points of agreement followed by the actions that came out of the meeting:

Shared points of agreement:

- The school offers good communication and pathways to access information about the school, events, children's learning and attainment etc.
- Our newsletters and emails provide the relevant information needed.
- The admin email, as the one point of contact, is effective for both school and parents.
- Parents acknowledged that the school offers information but it is not always read by all of our parents.
- Is there a different medium of communication that might work for both the school and parents?
- Parents felt that the school does not share it's successes widely or loudly enough.
- There are not enough opportunities for parents to see what the children are doing or share in the celebration of their successes - more detail than newsletter posts requested.

Actions

- School to share how to access the eSchools app increasing parent take up and ability to access in emails and newsletters quickly and easily (see page 3)
- Parents and carers will be invited to celebration worship regularly on Fridays on a class by class basis—please see page 4 for dates and for each class.
- School to look into the most appropriate platform for sharing, images and information about individual and group success as well as the learning in class—progress to be shared at next meeting
- More regular opportunities for parents to visit the classrooms and have the
 opportunity to meet the teachers with their children (similar to the meet the
 teacher event last September) Programme to be put together for new academic year
- The school to shout louder about the excellent work and success that are happening in school
- The school to actively work with parents to market and promote the school

Our next meeting will be on Monday 2nd July at 6.30. Please find the EventBrite link below:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-forum-meeting-tickets-350340627247

Thank you, Sarah Evans

Stars of the week For the week ending May 19th

Doves: Jasper & Elena Owls: Reuben & Toby

Swallows: Whole class, amazing! Woodpeckers: Flynn & Matthew

Jackdaws: Alexa and Louis Swans: Bertie & Paige

Kestrels: Luke, Josh & Dylan

Falcons: Lily & Amelia

Values Champions For week ending 19th May

Doves: Megan Owls: Bene

Swallows: Matilda Woodpeckers: Olivia Jackdaws: Toby Swans: Noah Kestrels: Piper Falcons: Arya

Values

The following children were recognised for showing the school values in PE this week:

Week ending 19th May

Doves: Toby & Zahria Swallows: Lena & Eli

Woodpeckers: Laila W & Kamila

Jackdaws: Emma

Swans: Terezka & Lucie Kestrels: Lilly & Riley Falcons: Lana & Darcey



Please remember that dogs are not allowed on site. Please do not be offended if you are asked to leave the premises immediately if you do choose to bring a dog on site.

Communication at Great Barford Cof E Primary Academy

- eSchools app: free app that stores all email and text communications from school, sends alerts. (please see instructions for downloading on page 3)
- School website: a one stop shop for school information. Statutory documents, curriculum information, policies, newsletters, calendar dates etc
- Newsletters: published and emailed weekly to all families. Contains news about the children's achievements, events, important dates, advertising for extra-curricular activities etc. The newsletters can also be found on the front page of the school website
- Curriculum letters emailed at the beginning of each term sharing classs learning information for that half term*
- Parent consultations: YR-6 held twice a year in the autumn and spring terms, Nursery face to face or phone 'check in chats' each half term.
- School reports: YR-Y6 once a year summer term* Nursery 2year old check reports (between the 2nd and 3rd birthday).
- Nursery: Evidence Me sharing photographs from home and school.
- Meet the teacher open sessions: more of these sessions to take place across the school year 2022/23
- Email: admin@gbpa.org.uk for sharing information regarding pupil absence, requesting call for teachers, requesting assistance and enquiries etc.
- Phone: information sharing, 2 way
- Termly dates list available on the website and newsletter sent via eSchools/ email

If you have confidential information that you wish to share and would prefer it not to be sent through the admin email please deliver it in a sealed enveloped marked confidential for the attention of Mrs Evans.

The first point of contact regarding your child is always their class teacher. If you have a concern or would like to talk to the class teacher about a particular matter please email admin@gbpa.org.uk and they will contact you as soon as they are able to arrange either a call or face to face meeting.

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Access via platform
Or
Download the app

Platform

Got to school website: gbpa.org.uk

Enter details:

Your username: firstname. surname

Password: As previously given or email admin@gbpa.org.uk to have it reset

eschools App

search eschools to find free app via apple store or google play

Enter your details:

School name: greatbarford

Login details: As per platform

The app will allow you to receive notifications on the move.

Please remember to allow notifications on your phone or you will not receive the information as it is sent

School Support

Questions via admin email -

admin@gbpa.org.uk

Let's celebrate!

Every friday morning we meet together as a school for celebration worship. We join together and celebrate our successes both inside and outside of school. It is a wonderful event and we would like to give our parents and carers the opportunity to join in.

Unfortunately we can't fit everyone in at once so we have put together a timetable of dates for you to join us if you wish to.

Friday 10th June - Doves
Friday 17th June - Owls
Friday 24th June - Swallows
Friday 1st July - Jackdaws and Woodpeckers
Friday 8th July - Swans, Kestrels and
Falcons

Worship begins at 9.05 and usually lasts around 20 minutes.

Please come to the staff entrance at 9am and join the fun.

On the 10th June we will be holding our Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school. We are inviting the children to wear red white and blue on the day and we will be having a jubilee picnic for the whole school at lunchtime.

Caterlink will be offering a jubilee picnic menu only on the day. If you would like your child to have the picnic menu please complete the survey below by Monday 6th June to enable Kerry, our cook, to order the quantities required.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RN5V98Y

If your child does not choose to have the picnics menu please send a packed lunch.

During the day the children will be taking part in jubilee related activities.



Theme Day Picnic Friday 10th June

A selection of sandwich triangles or baguette (Cheese, Ham and Tuna Mayonnaise)

With

Mini Sausage Roll

Or

Mini Vegan Sausage Roll

&

New Potato Salad Celebration Salad

Traditional Victoria Sponge Cake with Jam and Cream





Thank You

Bedford Foodbank

would like to say thank you to

GREAT BARFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

for your generous donations which will directly help fight poverty in the local area.

Total weight:

37.17 kg

which will help provide about

88







A huge thank you to you and our amazing Friends for raising a fantastic £1252.83 through the sponsored bounce this month. The children, and staff, loved it.

We really appreciate all of your support and especially the time, enthusiasm and energy given by the Friends volunteers.

All of the money raised goes directly to the children, supporting the enrichment of their learning and well being.





CREATE CRAFT FUN

Craft club for boys and girls, an hour after school held in the Art room at GBPA, having lots of fun, getting messy and creating some great art work.

Sessions for Year 3 & Year 4 - Monday 3.20pm - 4.20pm (Mon 6 June - Mon 11 July) (6 Sessions) £42 per term

Sessions for Year 5 & Year 6 - Tuesday 3.20pm - 4.20pm (Tues 7 June - Tues 12 July) (6 sessions) £42 per term

Sessions for Year 1 & Year 2 - Wednesday 3.20pm - 4.20pm (Weds 8 June - Weds 13 July) (6 sessions) £42 per term

15% discount on sibling bookings (discount applies to one sibling amount)

Places will be on a first come first served basis, email me to confirm your son/ daughters place.

Email: createcraftfun@gmail.com
Stating your childs name and year group, and I will then send confirmation of place and payment details.

Any questions please email me, or PLEASE follow me on my Facebook page Create Craft Fun







Great Barford Primary Academy



SUMMER TERM EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Premier will be hosting extra-curricular clubs at Great Barford Primary Academy this half term giving your child the chance to develop some fantastic skills whilst being active, gaining confidence and having FUN!

Simply follow the links below to our website to book your space!

Wednesday

GYMNASTICS After-School Club

Who: NOW OPEN - Years 1 - 6

Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm When: Weds 8th June – 13th July 2022

Price: £30.00 for 6 sessions

CLICK HERE - to book your space

Thursday

MULTI SPORTS After-School Club

Who: Years 4, 5 & 6 ONLY

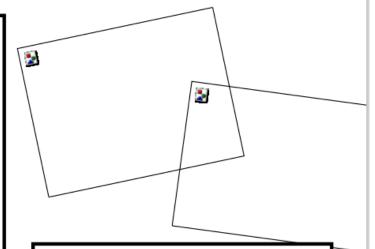
Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

When: Thurs 16th June – 21st July 2022

Price: £30.00 for 6 sessions

(NO SESSION ON THE 9th JUNE)

CLICK HERE - to book your space



Contact Us

For further information on our clubs or for help with making a booking, please contact astevenson@premier-education.com



DID YOU KNOW?

Premier also run Active School Holiday Courses in your area! Your nearest venue is:

> Henlow C of E Academy CLICK HERE

for more information!



NEW Venues, NEW Prices, NEW Layout. On our Holiday courses!



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Summer Term 2022 dates Parents copy

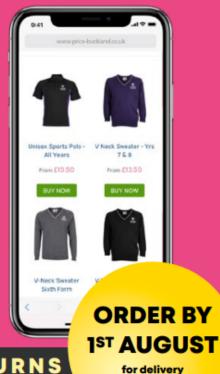
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| Date | Activity |
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| Tues 19 th April | Staff Training Day |
| Weds 20 th April | First day of Summer term |
| Wed 27 th April | Class photos |
| Mon 2 nd May | May Day Holiday (school closed) |
| Fri 6 th May | School discos |
| Mon 9th May week | Y6 SATs week |
| Fri 13 th May | Sponsored Bounce in school hall |
| Tues 24 th May | Y3 Woburn Safari Park educational |
| | visit |
| Wed 25 th May | Y6 Grafham residential meeting for |
| | parents & children 6pm |
| Thurs 26 th May | Mufti day for Golden Coin winners |
| Half term holiday 30 th May - 3 rd June | |
| Mon 6 th June | First day back |
| Fri 10 th June | Jubilee Celebration Day |
| Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd | Y6 Transfer day for Sandy |
| June | Academy |
| Mon 27 th June - Fri 1 st | Sports active week |
| July | |
| Wed 29 th June | KS1 and 2 Sports Day |
| Fri 1 st July | KS1 and 2 Back up sports day |
| Tues 5 th July | Y6 Transfer day to Mark |
| | Rutherford |
| Tues 5 th July | Children to visit new |
| | teacher/ <u>classroom_a.m.</u> |
| Wed 6 th July | EYFS active day |
| Sat 9 th July | Friends Summer Event - Cinema |
| | night (TBC) |
| Wed 13 th July | Y6 leaver's play 1.30 |
| Thurs 14th July | Mufti day for Golden Coin winners |
| Fri 15 th July | Y6 celebration evening |
| Mon 18th - Wed 20th July | Y6 residential to Grafham |
| Wed 20th July | Last day of term |
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before the start of term

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- Visit the school finder located on the Price and Buckland website.
- 2 Browse the range and buy your uniform.
- Enter your délivery details and await your order.
- Register your details or log in to your account to view your order status and history.

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