



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 its 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



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 class 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.



THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE

**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
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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](#)



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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



Date	Activity
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 9 th 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 <u>Grafham</u> 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 21 st & Fri 22 nd June	Y6 Transfer day for Sandy Academy
Mon 27 th June - Fri 1 st July	Sports active week
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 14 th July	Mufti day for Golden Coin winners
Fri 15 th July	Y6 celebration evening
Mon 18 th - Wed 20 th July	Y6 residential to <u>Grafham</u>
Wed 20 th July	Last day of term
Thurs 21 st July	Staff Training day



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