



# Great Barford C of E Primary Academy



Spring term — 2021

*Growing together through learning, friendship,  
and worship*

Thursday 12th March 2021

## Welcome back!

**It is wonderful to have everyone back in school. The children have settled well, and are happy to be back learning and playing with their friends.**

**Alongside this newsletter, I have attached the latest edition of the Bedford Borough COVID-19 flow chart showing what to do if your child, or another family member, shows symptoms. There is also a copy on the front page of our school website.**

**Next week our newsletter will name our super stars and value champions for the week.**

**Thank you for all your support and what you have done to make the transition back to school smooth and safe.**

**We will continue to work closely with you to ensure that our school remains safe for all.**

### Homework

Until after Easter we would like the children to concentrate on their reading and times tables. We recognize that the children will be adjusting back to the regular school day and we would like them to focus on the basics. Usual homework patterns will resume after the holiday.

### Walking to school

Please ensure that if your child walks to school alone and has to cross a road with a crossing, the crossing is used. It may take 2 minutes more to walk along the road, but could save their life.

### Caterlink menu for next week on page 2

### World Book Day celebration

A reminder that on Thursday 18th March we will be holding our World book day event and the children can come to school dressed as a book character. If the children have PE on that day—please could they bring their PE kit with them to change in to.

## Medication

Please ensure that your child's medication and accompanying form is brought in to school as soon as possible. The form and medication should be sent with your child to the classroom, and an e-mail sent to admin to say that you have sent it.

If your child did take medication previously and no longer needs it, could you please e-mail the school office so we can change our records.

The medication forms can be found on the front page of the school website under links and downloads.

## Home/school liaison

Although we are not able to have visitors on site for the foreseeable future, please be assured that we are still keen to keep the gateway to communication between school and home very much open.

Please e-mail [admin@gbpa.org.uk](mailto:admin@gbpa.org.uk) with any queries or concerns. These will be passed on to the class teachers. You will be contacted by phone or by e-mail as soon as possible.

We are planning to hold parent consultations by phone again during the summer term. Further information to follow after Easter..

We are always here to support our families and keeping you informed is of utmost importance to us.

## Mental health and well-being week 'Power of positivity'



This week we have been focused on settling the children back into school, re-establishing our rules and expectations. Alongside this, we have been focused on letting the children re-establish their friendships and enjoy being with their peers.

Each day we have had a mental health focus with a film introduction from Mrs Collins and activities related to positivity.

They are all positive things to help with mental health:

Mindfulness Monday—focusing on the here and now; and the wonderful world around us.

Together Tuesday—focusing on re-connecting with our friends; being part of a community.

Wow Wednesday—focusing on having a positive mindset.

Thoughtful Thursday—focusing on how thinking of others and doing kind things for others can make us feel good.

Feel Good Friday — the power of being active on our mental health.

The children really seemed to have enjoyed this weeks activities, and they have helped them to have a positive start back to school.



## **Children can order on the day from the following menu**

Grab bags available daily, either Ham, cheese or Tuna Mayo (KS2 only)  
Will come with a drink, veg crudités, fruit and a pudding.

Jacket Potatoes available daily:

Fillings: Tuna, cheese, beans, cheese and beans

Salad

### **Hot Dinners as follows W/C 15.3.2021**

#### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Cheese & tomato pizza/wedges or

Broccoli and cheese pasta bake.

Oaty Cookie

#### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Chicken and sweetcorn pie & mash or

Five bean chill & rice

Banana sponge & custard

#### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Roast turkey or

Quorn fillet

Fresh fruit platter

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Beef chilli & rice or

Chickpea curry

Chocolate Brownie

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Fish fingers & chips or

Mexican bean roll

Vanilla shortbread

