

Great Barford C of E Primary Academy



Autumn term — 2020

Growing together through learning, friendship, and worship

Week 7

It has been wonderful to have all the children back in school,. They have settled extremely well to the new procedures that are in place. Our attendance as a school overall has been 97%, which is fantastic, and will really help as we strive to ensure the children cover the curriculum and achieve the very best that they can.

We hope that you and your children have a good half term break. The children have worked so hard, and are understandably tired; they have certainly earned their break. If you are going on holiday abroad, please let us know if you are isolating on your return with a date for your return to school.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Well done to the Red team who have earnt the most golden coins and have had their mufti reward.

Thank you to you all for following our new procedures dropping off and collecting your children from school. Our systems are working well, and it ensures we are all being safe at this very difficult time. Please remember that it should only be one parent/carer picking up and dropping off so that we have as few people on site as we can. Thank you for your support.

Poppy Appeal

On Friday 6th November there will be poppies, wristbands, zip pulls and reflector keyring poppies available to buy in classrooms. All items can be a purchased for a 50p donation except for the wristbands, they are available for a £1 donation.

Please see Page 3 for a message about Social Media.

Stars of the week For the week ending Oct 16th





Owls: Alexa Larks: Alexa Swallows: Lara

Woodpeckers: Anabel

Swans: George Kestrels: Oliwier Falcons: Lewis

PE Values

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

Alba (Owls); Ada (Larks); Toby (Swallows); Phoebe (Woodpeckers); Charlie (Swans)

Please be careful in the wet weather when driving past our children and parents. We have had some children and parents who have been soaked by people driving past very fast and soaking them.

Caterlink menu is on Page 2 of this newsletter.



Children can order on the day from the following menu.

W/C 2.11.2020

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

Monday 2nd November

BBQ chicken pasta or vegetable tagine Sweetcorn Fruit flapjack

Tuesday 3rd November

Sausage Roll or Veg Mexican Roll with wedges Peas Iced sponge

Wednesday 4th November

Roast Chicken or vegetable pasta bake Mixed vegetables Fresh Fruit & yogurt

Thursday 5th November

Chicken Fajitas or veg & bean fajitas Sweetcorn Apple sponge

Friday 6th November

Fish Fingers or quorn sausage hot dog/chips Beans Lemon shortbread

Social media reminder

We have been informed that there are once again instances of social media being used by children inappropriately, particularly WhatsApp. Although that this is happening out of school time and it is not our remit to police, we know that these issues are upsetting for children, they have a negative impact on mental health and well-being and impact on school life and learning.

Please regularly check your child's phone and other similar devices. This is to keep them and others safe. Please talk to them about the platforms they are using.

We have listed below a number of social media platforms and games that we are aware that the children are using and their legal age of use:

TikTok — **at least 13 years** before creating an account. Parental permission is not a factor NB uploaded videos are public even if your account is set to private.

Twitter - at least 13 years before creating an account. Parental permission is not a factor

Facebook – at least 13 years before creating an account. Parental permission is not a factor

Instagram - at least 13 years before creating an account. Parental permission is not a factor

WhatsApp – **minimum age 16.** This was raised from 13 due to the EU data privacy regulations of May 2018

Snapchat - at least 13 years before creating an account. Parental permission is not a factor

YouTube – account holders **must be 18** or over and much of the content is restricted to age 18 and over

Fortnite - at least 12 years before creating an account. Parental permission is not a factor

I very much hope that you will support your children in this as we are very concerned about the negative effect social media is having on our young people's well being.