



Newsletter No: 9

Friday 22nd May 2015

Summer is here !!!



We have had a busy half term already with lots of exciting activities already taken place. This newsletter will tell you all about what we've been doing this half term and what's to come next half term.

Adam Guillain – Visiting Author

Author Adam Guillain spent the day in school inspiring children to both tell and write stories. He told us stories, read some of his own books using puppets and showed the children strategies to help them plan and develop their stories.

It was an inspirational day and the children have been busy since using the skills that they learnt. Thank you to the Friends who raised money to enable us to run this event.



Kwik Cricket

Two teams from Year 3 and Year 4 competed in a Kwik Cricket tournament at Blunham Cricket Club. Both teams did exceptionally well; and the 'A' team won the tournament. They went through to the next stage, which took place at Blunham on the 20th May. We are delighted to say that the 'A' team remain undefeated in every match and will now go on to the County Finals!

A huge congratulations goes out to all of them and we wish them luck for the final stage!



INUKSHUK

Inukshuk is part of the Vision and Values Ethos of Great Barford Lower School . The children have been learning the meaning of Inukshuk which is:

You are on the right path

This half term we have been looking at **Tolerance and Patience** and our value champions are show on the Inukshuk below.

Well done to all our Value's Champions

Robins

Dexter, George, Isla,
Leah

Owls

Giovanni, Mia, Oliver, Vally,
Harrison

Penguins

Charlotte, Jaden, Ossian,
Nathan, Eva, Liam

Puffins

Efan,Alex,Finley,Neve,Ella,Elliott

Kingfishers

Liam,
Charlotte,
Maria, Joshua

Eagles

Ali, Marcus J,
William
Bailey, Daisy

Next half term the theme we are looking at is

Responsibility

As part of the Vision and Values in our school it is very important that we take pride in our school uniform therefore please can you make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school as follows :

Girls	White Polo Shirt	Grey Skirt or Trousers Blue and white check dress in the summer	School sweatshirt or cardigan
Boys	White Polo Shirt	Grey shorts or trousers	School sweatshirt

All children should wear dark coloured shoes or sandals(not opened toed) and NOT trainers.
PE kit for all children is black shorts and a tee shirt in your team colour.
Sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, book bags, PE bags and baseball caps can be bought from the school office.

Please name all items of clothing bought into school



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that your child's school has recently been awarded a Basic Skills Primary Quality Mark Award for the fifth time.

This national accreditation is awarded to schools which meet the Quality Mark Standard and will last for three years, after which a renewal assessment is required.

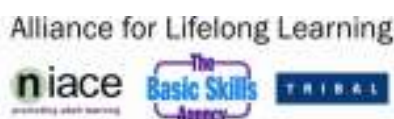
The Basic Skills Quality Mark promotes, supports and celebrates progress and improvements made by a school in English and Mathematics. Without these 'basic skills' of good communication, literacy and mathematical skills, individuals are disadvantaged throughout their lives – as learners, in the workplace and as parents, consumers and citizens and so they form the 'bedrock' of a good education.

To achieve a Quality Mark schools have to undergo an assessment, carried out by an external accredited assessor, against the 10 'Elements' of the Quality Mark framework. These cover key aspects of the school's improvement agenda, including the identification and analysis of the school's needs; strategic planning; target setting for improvement; intervention and support for pupils under-achieving or under-attaining; provision of quality in both teaching and in resources; staff development; and active engagement with families. Effective monitoring and evaluation are also required - particularly to achieve renewal when continuing development by the school and evidence of impact of actions must be demonstrated.

I hope you will share in the pride of the school and its pupils in achieving this award.
Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Smiluckson'.

National Director, Quality Mark Programme



PLANNED EVENTS

Thursday 4th June

Birds of Prey Visit – Yr 1 + 2

As part of the Key stage one science curriculum, animals and their habitats, a birds of prey visit has been organised giving the children the opportunity to see, touch and learn all about these fantastic birds.



Nursery Consultations

Parents of all the Nursery children will have an opportunity to have a 10 minute consultation with Mrs Fuller which will be held in the main school building. Details are as follows:

Children continuing in Nursery in September – Wednesday 17th June 1pm – 3.30pm

Children starting school in September – Wednesday 24th June or Wednesday 1st July 1pm -3pm

All appointments can be booked via the school website from 1st June.

Wednesday 24th June



Duxford Trip – Yr 4 *Advance warning.....costume needed for Eagle's children!*

As part of our World War II topic this term we will be going to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford for the day on the 24th June. We will be attending one of their World War II days where we will experience a wide range of World War II activities. We will all go in wartime dress to add to the experience.

Ideas for the girls: dress or skirt and blouse with cardigan; dark knee length socks; shoes or plimsolls; hair in bunches.

Ideas for the boys: short trousers, shirt; sweater or sleeveless pullover; dark knee length socks; shoes or plimsolls. The children will make a label and a gas mask box in school.

The Eagles children will also be having a street party on the field to commemorate the end of WWII, so the costumes can be used again for this. Our leaver's play is also based around WWII, so they may indeed get a third airing!

MORE PLANNED EVENTS !!!

Wednesday 24th June

Sing On – Kingfishers



The Kingfishers are taking part in the Lower Schools Celebration Concert at the Bedford Corn exchange. The children will practise at the Corn Exchange in the afternoon and parents will have the opportunity to attend the concert in the evening. Tickets will be available from the Corn Exchange Box Office.

Friday 26th June

Mufti Day –Whole School



Wear your own clothes in exchange for a donation for the school summer fete tombola.

29th/ 30th June/ 1st July

Jordan's Close

The main school will have the opportunity to take part in some exciting outdoor activities. Kingfishers and Eagles on Monday, Owls/Puffins/Penguins on Tuesday and Robins on Wednesday.

Please note the school will provide a free packed lunch for the KS1 children.
Letter to come out next half term.

Friday 10th July

Sports Session – The Robins will be having a Super Sports Session 10 – 11.30 where they will be taking part in some fun sporting activities – Children only

Sports Day – Key stage 1 + 2 – 1.15.- 3.20 – Parents Welcome

Please can all visitors to the school park considerately for the local residents.

Saturday 11th July

School Summer Fete – 12 – 2pm

Everyone welcome please bring friends and family. If you would like to help please contact the friends committee.

Eagles – Leavers Activities

The Eagles will have specific activities organised by Mrs Collins and the details will be sent out nearer the time.

Wednesday 8th July – Widdershins Theatre visit in school

Thursday 16th July – Leaver Party

Friday 17th July – Leavers Play – 9.10 in the school hall . All Y4 parents invited.

Thank you Friends

Thank you to our fantastic Friends committee who have been busy again this half term with lots of successful events

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **school Disco** we raised a fantastic £113.00

Sponsored Bounce - Thank you to everyone who helped, all the children who took part and everyone who sponsored the children.

Diary Date – 11th July School Summer Fete

If you would like to help at the summer fete please contact the friends committee.

The friends committee work very hard and raise a lot of money for additional resources for the school. Thank you to everyone who helps with the events and everyone who supports them.

Parking

Polite Notice from the Parish Council



Great Barford Parish Council has recently requested that 'no waiting' restrictions be put in place on a small length of Silver Street opposite the Lower School. The Parish Council wanted to provide a clear crossing area on Silver street that could be used at school drop-off and pick-up times when the area becomes very congested. The restriction is there to keep the section of the road clear of parked vehicles so that pedestrians are not emerging from behind parked vehicles. The 'no waiting' restrictions are in place from 8am to 9am and 3pm to 4pm. Please respect this restriction and allow children and parents to cross the road safely rather than having to 'peep and creep, around parked vehicles.

Thank you



British Weather



As the British summer is very unpredictable. Please you make sure your child has a waterproof coat and a sun hat in school.

Also if the weather is hot please can all children apply sun tan cream before coming to school.

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Date	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 3 rd June	Play Active Club starts – letters to come out this week	Owls/Puffins/Penguins/ Kingfishers/Eagles
Thursday 4 th June	Birds of Prey in School	Puffins/Penguins
Thursday 4 th June	NO SWIMMING FOR KINGSHERS OR EAGLES	
Friday 5 th June	Gym Club starts Y1-4 Football Club starts Yr 1- -2	Places confirmed by text
Saturday 13 th June	Great Barford Community Fun Day – Village Hall and playing field 12-5pm	
Wednesday 17 th June	Nursery Consultations for children continuing in Nursery in September 1pm – 3.30pm	Wrens
Wednesday 17 th June	Athletics Tournament – Separate details will be sent out	Eagles
Friday 19 th June	Inter mural Sports Athletics – on Field	Kingfishers/Eagles
Wednesday 24 th June	Nursery Consultations for children starting school in September 1pm – 3pm	Wrens
Wednesday 24 th June	Duxford Trip – 9am-3.20pm –packed lunch required.WW2 costume , sensible shoes, waterproof, sunhat and sun cream	Eagles
Wednesday 24 th June	Sing on – Bedford Corn Exchange pm + evening Parents will be able to buy tickets from the Corn Exchange nearer the time – All details will be sent out nearer the time	Kingfishers
Thursday 25 th June	Kwik Cricket + Athletics Finals – Separate details will be sent out	Eagles
Thursday 25 th June	Robins new intake meeting – 7.30pm in school hall	
Friday 26 th June	Mufti day – Children wear their own clothes in return for a donation for the summer fete tombola	Whole School
Monday 29 th June	Jordan's Close	Kingfishers/Eagles
Tuesday 30 th June	Jordan's Close – Packed lunch will be provided	Owls/Penguins Puffins
Wednesday 1 st July	Jordan's Close	Robins
Wednesday 1 st July	Nursery Consultations for children starting school in September 1pm – 3pm	

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Date	Event	Year Group
Friday 3 rd July	Roll up Day – in school am (all children will meet their new teacher) Year 4 to Alban (children go direct to Alban) See Alban letter	
Monday 6 th July	Alban Intake Evening for year 4's – 6.30 at Alban Academy	
Wednesday 8 th July	Widdershins Theatre company in school	Eagles
Friday 10 th July	Robins - Super Sports Session 10 – 11.30am Children Only KS1 + KS2 Sports day – 1.15 – 3.20 Parents welcome	
Saturday 11 th July	Summer Fete – School Field 12-3pm All Welcome	
Wednesday 15 th July	Lunchtime Awards Mufti – to be announced on Mon 13 th July	Main School
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers Party – pm- Details to be sent out	Eagles
Friday 17 th July	Leavers Play – 9.10 am - School Hall All Y4 Parents invited	Eagles

Holiday Club

Our holiday club caters for children aged 3 – 12 years in a safe, well equipped and comfortable environment, staffed by our qualified and experienced play-team.

May Half Term – 25th May – 29th May

Summer Holiday Club - 20th July – 21st August



Red	58
Yellow	54
Blue	48
Green	40

If your details have changed please complete the form below and return it to the school office.

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

Detail
change: _____
