



Great Barford C of E Primary Academy



Autumn term — 2021

*Growing together through learning, friendship,
and worship*

Week 2

Visit the classroom & meet the teacher

You are invited to visit your child's classroom and meet the class teacher at the end of the school day on Monday 20th September as follows:

Monday 20th – Y1 & Y2

Wednesday 22nd – Y5 & Y6

Friday 24th – Y3 & Y4

Nursery parents and carers are welcome to stay at 8.55am or 3.15pm for a look at the classroom & meet the staff.

We look forward to seeing you

Stars of the week

For the week ending 11th Sept



Owls: Aaron & Stanley
Swallows: Martese & Tom
Woodpeckers: Flynn & Jacob
Jackdaws: Bonnie & Danny
Swans: Scarlett & Lilly
Kestrels: Lucy & Daniel
Falcons: Amelia & Mason

We will be having the school photographer in school on Tuesday 5th October. We will contact all our nursery families nearer the time to make arrangements for those who don't normally attend on Tuesday mornings.

Harvest collection – Friday 24th Sept

This harvest we are collecting for Bedford Foodbank.

They have given us their shopping list which is on page 3 of the newsletter.



Week ending 11th September

Owls: Benjamin
Swallows: Alexa
Woodpeckers: Toby
Jackdaws: Holly
Swans: Phoebe
Kestrels: Jing-Lin
Falcons: Olly A

A quick reminder about school uniform - Please can we ensure that children are wearing white polo or school shirts rather than T shirts for none PE days and that they are wearing school shoes. We have noticed a number of children wearing high tops. Also, all long hair must be tied back.

The children have settled really well into the new entry and exit routines. Please can we remind all KS2 children that they are to walk down the drive in the morning unaccompanied. There is always a member of staff at the top of the drive and at the playground gate to ensure that they arrive safely.

Water bottles & juice; snacks

A reminder that the children should only bring water in their water bottle, not juice.

They may bring juice for lunchtime, but this is not accessible in the classroom. If there is a medical reason for a different drink please email admin@gbpa.org.uk

Please remember that in KS2 the children are not given a snack at morning break; they should only bring fruit or vegetables.

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

Owls: Lena & Toby
Swallows: Amelia
Woodpeckers: Jing-Ran
Jackdaws: Emma
Swans: Aoife & Bertie
Kestrels: Tulicia
Falcons: Reece

Please could all pupil absences be notified via email to admin@gbpa.org.uk

Friends AGM

Monday 20th Sept 2021

We are pleased to invite you to a Friends AGM on Monday 20th Sept at 7.30pm. Please come to the school hall through the staff entrance.

Congratulations to Chase in Year 5. Over the Summer he took part in a violin competition that he went on to win and was awarded his own violin. We are looking forward to hearing him perform soon during our celebration worship



Please note that if your child is taking part in one of the external after school sports clubs that they will need to bring their kit in a bag to change in to at the end of the school day.
Thank you

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been advised that we are seeing seasonal colds and respiratory illness earlier than normal this year. This means that there are more of these illnesses circulating at the moment, and it is therefore important to recognise the difference between these and COVID-19.

Children with symptoms of the common cold, including runny noses and sore throats, can continue to attend school so long as they are well enough to do so. Please be aware that we are unable to advise on whether a child should be in attendance or not as parents are best placed to make the decision on whether their child is fit for school in the morning.

Please follow the government guidelines and if your child is displaying any of the COVID symptoms they should remain home until a negative test result can be obtained or until 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

The government guidelines for parents/carers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Any siblings and other household members must also remain at home as per the guidance for household isolation which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please also see the flowchart on the home page of our school website to help you understand the steps that you should take.

If your child does attend school and a member of staff feels your child has any of the above symptoms, you will be asked to collect your child/children immediately.

We are, unfortunately, unable to allow symptomatic children back into school until a negative test result has been received or until they have isolated for 10 days since the onset of symptoms.

COMBINED HARVEST APPEAL



**HELP BY DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO FROM
OUR SHOPPING LIST TO ENSURE WE CAN
PROVIDE FOOD TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

SHOPPING LIST **TOP TEN ITEMS**

UHT Fruit Juice
Tinned Rice Pudding
Coffee
250/500g Bags of Rice
Toothpaste
Long Life Sponge Pudding
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Tuna
Biscuits
Washing Up Liquid
Tin Openers

Don't forget...

*You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*

