

# Great Barford Church of England Primary Academy

*'Growing together through learning, friendship and worship'*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big **THANK YOU** to all of you who took the time to complete our most recent questionnaire. We had a super increase in responses up from 39 to 63 plus 3 paper forms completed too.

While the survey is still fresh in our minds, we wanted to give you some immediate feedback. In summary, we found out that :

- 82% of the respondents would be interested in attending future information sharing events
- The top 3 curriculum areas you would like to know more about are; Mental Maths strategies, Written Maths methods and Grammar
- The preferred times for these information sharing meetings voted for by respondents were just before collection ie 2.00/2.30pm and 7pm.
- The majority of respondents voted that being able to locate any information shared at these events on the website would be helpful

Here is the link to the Survey Monkey results:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-25H9BGDS7/>

As a direct result of the information you have provided for us, the school will now endeavor to make meetings at the times you have suggested. Whilst we realise that we cannot please everybody all of the time, your information can at least provide the school with the best fit times for our parents. Perhaps timings can be alternated between 2.30 and 7pm so that we can reach as many of you as possible.

Whilst we don't want to increase staff workload, any information meetings given will be shared on the website too – please be aware though that some outside providers however may not be willing for us to do this.

## In other matters:

On Feedback Friday, the blue ballot box was out again for survey results but also to allow any of you to make suggestions or comments unrelated to our current questionnaire. We would like to address one of those comments: one parent felt that *'communication seemed unplanned and that it would be useful to have termly dates, events are often cancelled'*

We and the school have tried really hard to make **'improvements to communication'** a priority over the last 2 terms. Information is communicated in the following ways to reach as many of you as possible:

- A calendar of events is sent out at the beginning of each term via email
- A weekly Newsletter is sent out on a Thursday with events for the week ahead on it

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- All dates are on the website calendar and for those using the e-schools app, you will be able to find calendar dates there too
- Text messages are sent home to give notice of unexpected changes to events as soon as the school is notified
- Please check your emails regularly as newsletters are sent via email – also, please make sure that the school has your most up to date email address and contact information

Please remember that your first point of contact for any queries is always your child's class teacher.

- It is usually possible to catch teachers at the end of the day once the rest of the class have gone
- If you cannot catch them afterschool or attend a drop in session, a mutually convenient time can be arranged for a meeting by contacting the school office, or an email can be forwarded to them from the school office
- The home school reading record is another means of communicating non-urgent information to the class teacher
- A member of staff is always on the gate first thing in the morning – there is a basket available for you to write any TLC messages that your child's class teacher should be aware of for the day ahead on a white slip of paper. **Green slips** are also available in this basket where you can let your child's teacher know if someone different is collecting your child on that day.
- Any information regarding changes to medication however should be written on a medication form which is available at the office
- Any general enquires can be made via the school office where Mrs Meadows or Mrs Legg can either answer your questions or direct your email/question to the appropriate person

For non-urgent queries/suggestions, that are not child specific, you can also email the parent forum :

[parentforum@gbpa.org.uk](mailto:parentforum@gbpa.org.uk)

We wish you all a very restful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Parent Forum

Look out for the **e-schools App** link on the website – this is a great tool as it sends notifications direct to your phone that you have a text message or letter from the school.

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