



Babraham Church of England (VC) County Primary Newsletter Autumn term 2006 No.1

Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone. We all hope that you all had a marvellous holiday and a well deserved break. The children have returned with a wonderful attitude to learning. We have had an excellent few days and I am busy learning names. Please come and introduce yourself to me so that I can mentally tie up children with their families. I am available most days for a meeting or a chat. Please phone the office and I will always return calls.

School Uniform

The children have come back to school looking very smart and well prepared and we are delighted to see how many have embraced the new policy of school uniform. While it is strange for the older children we really believe that it is one of the cementing factors that will unite Babraham and ensure that it becomes seen as a true community. We hope to see as many children as possible wearing our school colours and our expectation is that by January, all are. The colours are navy and red (with navy our first choice) and grey trousers or skirts. Mrs Brown is happy to order polo shirts, sweatshirts and PE shirts and there is now an online facility to make life easier. Please could you ensure that your child's equipment is named.

We warmly welcome Miss Edwards in Class 1 and Mrs Barnes and Miss Karamoschou who have joined us as mid- day supervisors and hope they have a very happy time here.

Our school thinks that your child is of great importance and we believe that to be able to learn they need to be happy, confident, understand themselves, understand their feelings and know how to get on with each other and make friends. To help all our children with this we will be working in school on special activities that develop these skills. Each half-term we will be looking at a particular theme. The theme will start with an assembly and be followed up in class. We hope you will be able to see some of the work in classrooms. The theme for this half-term will be **New beginnings**.

During the term the children will be exploring how to create a learning environment that helps the children learn together in a happy, busy and safe way. They will also learn about the feelings they have when they are happy, sad,

scared and excited, and how to manage these feelings in the classroom. We will be happy to talk about this with you if you would like to.

Whole School days

We have decided to collapse the timetable on 6 days throughout the year and all 3 classes enjoy the same aspect of learning. Our first one will be on the Friday before half term, called *Portraits* and the second on the Monday before we break up, called *Christmas through the Ages*. We warmly invite any parent who would like to join us on any of these days.

Free Fruit

All children in Reception and KS1 will continue to get free fruit and there will be enough for children in Year 3 to have a Friday treat. However children in the other year groups may need a fruit play time snack to boost their energy levels.

School Meals

School meals are now £8.75 a week and £59 .50 for the half term, please could you send the payment in as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to Cambridgeshire County Council (C.C.C.). If you are paying in cash it would be really appreciated if you could have the exact money.

Helping the office to run more smoothly

The office will be open from 8.45 to 9.15 am and 2.45 to 3.15 and we are hoping to make sure that the door is open during that time so you do not need to be buzzed in. If your child has forgotten something please leave it in the box outside the office and we shall take it around. Mrs Brown has put little boxes into each classroom to collect dinner money notes etc. We are encouraging the children to be as independent as possible so please support them in hanging up their own coats, PE kits etc.

SAT's results

We were delighted with our SAT's results. The children have done very well this year. All the children in KS2 achieved a level 4 in Maths and English and 93% did so in Science. Well done everyone.

School Clubs 3.30 - 4.30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Xtra Football Craft club (lunchtimes)	Sports Xtra Multisport	Sports		French

Sawston Village College

Sawston has recently acquired status as a language college and we will soon be welcoming Miss Bridstrup once a fortnight to work alongside Class 3 and to develop their knowledge of modern foreign languages. More of this once it is up and running.

Diary Dates

Harvest Festival	28 th September 2.30pm St Peter's Church
Celebration Assemblies at 2.50	September 15 th / 29 th October 13 th November 3 rd / 17 th December 1 st / 15 th
Intake 07 / 08 Open day	17 th October
Half Term	23 rd to 27 th October
Friendship week	30 th October
Consultation evening	Monday 30 th October 3.30 – 5.30pm
Consultation Evening	Thursday 9 th November 4 – 6pm
Village carol service	13 th December
Christmas through the Ages	18 th December
Christingle	19 th December 9am (in the Hall)
Autumn term closes	19 th December

FOBS Events

Children's Disco	20 th October
Fireworks	4 th November

Yours sincerely,
Mrs S J Berry

