

## Babraham Church of England (VC) County Primary Newsletter Autumn term 2007 No.2

### Dear Parents and Friends

The term is racing by and it is October already. Despite the unexpected complication caused by the resurfacing of the road to the church, our Harvest Festival was very successful. Each class had written poems which they presented with both confidence and aplomb. I was so impressed to see our Reception children standing up with such assurance to say their verses. They have all settled into school so very well. Thank you for your generosity in sending in your gifts. The fresh produce was collected by the Cambridge Food Bank and the tins and jars were raffled and the sum donated to Christian Aid.

### Healthy Schools

Our gardening project is growing apace. A band of helpers, generous with their time, gave up a Sunday morning to plant perennials and bulbs around the school last week. We have four apple trees so far and if anyone would like to either contribute a sum or buy another tree, or help us clear ground on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, we would be very grateful. Later in November the Woodland trust will send us a hedgerow pack and we hope that we will have a talk by a composting adviser.

We intend to devote two curriculum days on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October to an awareness of what it is to be Healthy, taking into consideration the main themes, healthy food, physical activity, emotional wellbeing, Personal, Social and health Education and keeping safe. We will take this out to a wider focus on the second day and consider food around the world. If you would like to join us for any part of the day you would be most welcome.

### Parent consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November between 3.30p.m. and 5.30p.m. for all classes. Also Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November for classes 1 & 3 between 4pm and 6 p.m. and **Wednesday 7th November between 4 - 6pm for Class 2**. A letter indicating times will come out on Tuesday 9th October.

### Standard Assessment Tests in Yr 2 and Yr 6

It is extremely important that your child is not taken away from school in the weeks leading up to or during the Standard Assessment Tests. Prior to the tests teachers will be revising work and helping your child to achieve his or her best.

Mrs Platts (**Year 2**) will administer the tests over a four week period during the month of **May. Year 6 SATs** will take place between **Monday 12 May to Friday 16 May 2008**

### 2008 Starters

It may seem very early, but if you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2003 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2004 or you know a neighbour with a child of this age you need to apply for a school place now. The closing date for applications is October 20<sup>th</sup>. I am currently making appointments to meet and show around parents and children interested in a place at our school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you feel you missed out on a tour before, or know of a family, please do telephone for an appointment.

## Diary Dates

Celebration assemblies	9 <sup>th</sup> November, 7 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm
Class 2 assembly	12 <sup>th</sup> October (2.45pm)
Class 1 assembly	16 <sup>th</sup> November (2.45pm)
Class 3 assembly	30 <sup>th</sup> November (2.45pm)
Half term	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Parent Consultation	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November (3.30 – 5.30 pm) Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November (4 – 6 pm) Class 1 & 3 <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November (4 – 6pm) Class 2, please note the change</b>
Individual Photographs	22 <sup>nd</sup> November (9am)
Book fair	9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Carol service	12 <sup>th</sup> December (6.30 pm) at St Peter's Church
Christingle	17 <sup>th</sup> December (9.30 am)
School closes	19 <sup>th</sup> December
 <u>Friends of Babraham School</u>	
Children's Disco	19th October
Fireworks	3rd November