

Babraham Church of England (VC) County Primary

Newsletter Spring term 2008 Number 1

Dear Parents and Friends,

Happy New Year to you all!!

I want to open this newsletter with a big thank you to you all for all your kindness and support at the end of last term. We shall continue to eat the chocolates and biscuits for a few weeks yet. Miss Lawrence would also like me to say how much she appreciated her present of a lovely green scarf and a moss green agate brooch.

SEAL

We began our term with a consideration of the SEAL unit 'Say No to Bullying.' While we don't consider it to be a feature of our lives at Babraham it is important to make sure that children understand the terminology and have the strategies to deal with cases of repeated and persistent meanness as they progress through life. For class 1 the focus was on general issues about the importance of feelings of belonging, of kindness to others and of celebrating differences between people. In class 2 we considered the role of the onlooker to bullying and the ways we can get help and not remain passive. In class 3 the children thought of ways that staff might support friendship groups during break times. One of their thoughts was to have a Friendship bench, and we will look into the feasibility of that idea. I challenged the children to consider the ways that we can make the school safer and come up with a poster to show this. Their posters and many other wonderful designs will be displayed around the school.

Babraham Bear

Our bears, Babraham and Maharbab would like to remind parents and children that they are just waiting to go on visits around the UK and the World. In fact they like nothing more than visiting different parts of Cambridge. So if you would like to take the bears home for a weekend or a holiday, please sign up in the diary in the entrance hall. All they ask is a photograph, or a postcard and a paragraph to say where they went and with whom.

Dinner Money

The cost of school meals is £1.85 per day, which is £9.25 for the week. Most pupils are now in debit so please see Mrs Brown as soon as possible to pay for this half term. If it is easier, please email, office@babraham.cambs.sch.uk

World book Day

An early warning that we will be having a whole school day on the 4th March to celebrate World Book day. On this day we will be hearing traditional tales, dressing up as characters from different books, enjoying a story teller, (thanks to the kindness of the Friends of Babraham School), and having a memorable time. If you have a story you would like to share with the children - in any language do let us know.

Extra Curricular activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Xtra Golf	Sports Xtra Multisports		Rugby skills January 24 th - March 13 th	Computer club January 25 th March 14 th

Tesco Sports for Schools

This collection went very well thanks to you for all your support. I put in an order at the end of last term for footballs, trundle wheels and a shape target board. Currently we are collecting for the Nestle box tops. These will be banked at the end of March, so please don't stop collecting!

School closure in adverse weather

Closing the school in cases of adverse weather is a very difficult decision and not one we take lightly. If you are unsure please tune into our local radio stations who operate a school closure service. The information will be announced on Q103 radio @on air@ and also on their website: www.q103.co.uk

Information is also available on BBC Radio Cambridge and on their website:

www.bbc.co.uk/england/radiocambridgeshire, Radio BBC Counties and Chiltern FM.

Visit to the Mayor

Katherine wearing the golden diamond studded Mayor's chain.



Last term we were very proud of Katherine Sims who won a competition run by the Cambridge News to design the Mayor's Christmas card. She was invited to have tea with the Mayor and to bring all the children in years one and two. Thanks must go to the fleet of parents who ferried the children there. After the event Chloe wrote:

On Thursday we went to see the Mayor. She let us have some biscuits and cake and juice. The Mayor's helper called George showed us some gold. He showed us a box. The box was very heavy.

Holidays

Please ensure that when you book holidays that children don't take time out during the first few weeks of the year or in April and May as years 2 and 6 have statutory SAT's and all other year groups have major assessments.

Cycling

This is the year that class 3 complete their cycling proficiency test. Should there be any kind person who would like to become a cycling instructor with Mrs Rogers the following courses have been arranged.

These are one day training courses starting at 9.15 and finishing no later than 3pm. There is no charge for this training and lunch is provided on the day:-

- > Tuesday 19th February 2008 - St Ivo Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St
- > Ives Monday 25th February 2008 - Hereward Hall, County Road, March
- > Wednesday 19th March 2008 - Cambridge Professional Development Centre,
- > Foster Road, Trumpington, Cambridge

Dates for your diary

Celebration Assemblies (at 2.45pm)	25 th January 2008 22 nd February 2008
Class Assemblies (at 2.45pm)	class 1, 1 st February 2008 class 2, 29 th February 2008 class 3, 7 th March 2008
World Book Day	4 th March 2008
Parents' Evening	Thursday 21 st February 2008 Monday 25 th February 2008
School closes	Thursday 20th March 2008
School opens	Tuesday 8 th April 2008

Computer club

I am happy to run the computer club with the same children as last term. However, should any more children wish to start I will have to select names from a hat. I can only manage 10 children.

I wish my child to attend the computer club on Friday afternoons.

At the end of the club _____ will be collected/ go to after school club (delete as appropriate)

Contact phone number(s)