



Great Barford Lower School Newsletter— May 2017

We have had a brilliant first part of the half term with lots of fun activities for the children to enjoy. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the trips and swimming; we and the children really appreciate all of your help.

Academy Status

On the 1st June, we converted to Academy Status. Our official name is now Great Barford Lower School Academy, part of Unity Church of England Multi Academy Trust.



Golden Coins

Well done to the blue team who have received the most golden coins this half term and have had a brilliant afternoon today watching a film

Robins

Daniel, Harriet, Evie, Jing
Lin, Lucy, Woody

Owls

Emily, Fin, Lucy, Theo, Tulicia

Puffins

Tilly, Rino, Ethan,
George, Joe P, Lauren

Woodpeckers

Isobel, Matt, Joel, Rhys, Verity, Giovanni

Osprey's

Thomas B,
Lewis, Ivy,
Thomas O,
Bridget, Archie

Eagles

Poppy, Mabel,
Maisie, Jaden,
Luke, Colby

As part of our vision and values for this half term the values champions have received a golden ticket. This ticket is for our Values Champion's Tea in the school hall, on **Monday 5th June 2.45-3.15pm**. If your child has been awarded a golden ticket they are invited to attend the tea party with a special guest (for example, grandparent or parent). Unfortunately other school age children are unable to attend.





What's Happening this half term

Sing On

The Woodpeckers have been receiving singing lessons from Mrs Pottruff during the course of this year. As part of this singing experience they have a fantastic opportunity to take part in a Grand Finale at The Corn Exchange on Tuesday 27th June. This is a great experience for the children to perform in front of an audience and a great opportunity for family and friends to come and watch them perform.

Tickets for the concert at the Corn Exchange are available from the Corn Exchange Box Office Tel:01234 718044 Email:centralboxoffice@bedford.gov.uk

Trips for all years

Duxford—Eagles and Ospreys will be visiting The Imperial War Museum in Duxford on 6th June this is a great opportunity for the children to learn more about WW1 as part of their history curriculum.

Jordan's Close—The whole school will have the opportunity to visit Jordan's Close again during the summer term to take part in some exciting interactive outdoor activities during July.

Swimming

The children have had the opportunity to use the pool in the lovely weather that we have had this week.

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help with swimming without you it wouldn't be possible. However we still need more volunteers. Please contact the school office if you are able to offer any help.

Reminders

- Where possible please make all medical/dental appointments out of school time and ensure arrangements are made so that any siblings remain in school.
- Look out for the Parent Forum Meeting coming up in the new term.
- Please send any money in an envelope with your child's name, class and what the money is for.
- We are collecting the **ACTIVE KIDS** vouchers and would appreciate it if you have any to donate to the school for school equipment.

Direct payments to the school

Great Barford Lower School will become an Academy from 1st June 2017. This will mean that our bank details will be changing along with the name of the school.

Therefore please note that any payments paid directly into the school account from 1st June 2017 must be into the new bank account as detailed below.

Sort Code: 60-02-13 Account Number: 71205462



What have we been up to?

EYFS

Robins and Wrens had a wonderful day at Jordan's close. They enjoyed exploring, scavenging, climbing and cooperating together following our traditional tales theme. We cannot wait until the next one next half term!

Key Stage 1

Owls and Puffins had a brilliant African day at Jordan's close. They made den's in the small wood; found ways to transport water from one area to another; made necklaces and shakers; searched for map pieces and had great fun playing the musical instruments, and singing and dancing. Miss Wyatt and Mrs Fuller would like to say a big thank you to all those people who joined us and made it such a great day.

Key Stage 2

As part of the Woodpeckers Roman topic they visited the Verulamium in St Albans. At the museum they investigated all the different aspects of Roman life, handled Roman artefacts and learnt a lot about them. The Woodpeckers also visited the Roman Hypocaust and saw the lovely mosaic floor.

The Woodpeckers, Ospreys and Eagles had a fantastic Outdoor day at Jordan's Close. A wonderful day weather wise was matched by some fantastic activities; getting wet bell boating, aiming high at archery, cooking up a storm on the barbecue, terrific team building challenges, sending semaphore messages, water-colour painting, to name but a few.

Very many thanks to all our brilliant parent helpers, without whom we couldn't run special days such as these.

Friends

The friends committee have been very busy raising money towards the up keep of the swimming pool. They have held some very successful activities and raised the following: **Disco £77.00, Bounce £1048.42**

Thank you to our committee and everyone who helps to make all of these events a success



Dates for the 2nd half of Summer Term

Mon 5th June	Values Tea party	Guests of children with a golden ticket
Tue 6th June	Y4—Duxford trip	Eagles/Ospreys
Wed 7th June	KS2 Tennis Tournament	Eagles/Ospreys
W/c 12th June	Y1 Phonics Screening	Owls/Puffins
Wed 14th June	Ks2 Quad kids Athletics Tournament	Eagles/Ospreys
Thurs 15th June	Y4 DT day	Ospreys
Fri 16th June	Y4 DT day	Eagles
Fri 16th June	Mufti in exchange for donations for summer fete	Whole School
Fri 16th June	Movie Night	Robins—Eagles
Thurs 22nd June	New Reception 2017 Starters Meeting —6.30pm	New Parents
Fri 23rd June	Y3 DT Day	Woodpeckers
Sat 24th June	Quiz Night	Adults Only
Tue 27th June	Y3 Sing on at Concert Corn Exchange	Woodpeckers
Tues 27th June	Bedfordshire School Games (if qualified)	Selected team TBA
Fri 30th June	Sports Day EYFS –am Y1-4 pm	Whole School
Wed 5th July	Children to visit new classes, Y4 to Alban, new children in reception	Whole School
Thurs 6th July	Y3 Playleader training	Woodpeckers
Sat 8th July	Summer Fete	All Welcome
Mon 10th July	KS2 Jordan's Close	Woodpeckers/Eagles/Ospreys
Tues 11th July	EYFS Jordan's Close	Wrens/Robins
Wed 12th July	KS1 Jordan's Close	Owls/Puffins
Mon 17th July	Alban Intake Evening for Y4	Eagles/Ospreys
Thurs 20th July	Y4 Leavers Party pm	Eagles/Ospreys
Fri 21st July	Y4 Leavers Assembly 9.15am	Eagles / Ospreys family

Important Dates coming Up

Sports Day— Fri day 30th June

Children visit new classes, Y4 to Alban, new children in reception—Wed 5th July

EYFS—am Y1-4—pm

Summer Fete—Saturday 8th July