



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 20th October 2023

Hawk	Hendrix, Mackenzie
Eagle	Whole class
Kestrel	Hendrix, Anthony
Swift	Elsie, Harrison
Owl	Charlotte, Jacob B
Wagtail	Maxwell, Beatrice
Kingfisher	Jessica
Robin	Marci
Woodpecker	Kayden
Puffin	Bronwyn, Sonny, Kobe, Deniz

Eagle Class Assembly

What a great way to start a Friday morning! It was lovely to see how proud the children were to share some of their learning with parents, carers, staff and children. They have all been working incredibly hard and this was evident in their fantastic assembly. I think I will be humming the last song about being kind to yourself all day. What an important message for us all. Well done Eagle class.

Open Morning

If you are a parent/carer that has children starting school next year, please come along to our Nursery and Reception open morning on Saturday 4th November from 10.00am-12.00pm. It's a great chance to see the school, chat to staff and find out more about a great school. No need to book.

Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our recent parent evenings for Nursery, Reception, Year1 and 2. If you missed the chance to catch up with your

child's class teacher, please message them on Dojo or Tapestry or speak to them at the classroom door to arrange a meeting after half term.

Congratulations Mrs Watson

Woodpecker class were very excited to find out that Mrs Watson is expecting her first baby in February 2024. I'm certain you will join us in sending her our best wishes and congratulations.



Key Rings on Bags

A polite request to ask that children do not bring key rings to school hanging on bags. They prevent drawers closing when the book bags are in them. We have also had a few children upset when key rings have been pulled off bags.



Toys in School

This is becoming an increasing issue. Please either leave children's toys at home or take them away with you when you drop off. Children get worried during the day about where their toy is, who is touching it or looking at it, as well as constantly worrying about forgetting to take it home. Thank you in advance.

Harvest – Collecting Now

For Harvest, we are collecting donations for Braintree Foodbank again this year. Any donation, no matter how big or small supports them in their mission to ensure that no one has to go hungry. Please bring donations to the school office or give to class teachers at drop off or pick up. Thank you in advance for your support.



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Junior and Reception Places

I will put a link in the newsletter after half term for parents to apply for a place in Reception for September 2024 or for a place at the Junior School if your child is currently in Year 2. The application window is from 6th November to 15th January. All applications are online.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Hawk class with 98.6%.

Well done children, parents and carers Robin class was the only class to achieve 100% punctuality. Come on everyone!



Tidy Classroom

The winning class this week was Wagtail class. Well done to the children for taking care of their classroom.



Rocket Points

Green rocket teams were the joint winners this week with **165** smiley faces. Please encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

Flu Immunisations

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you will have been sent a link to complete a consent form for the flu immunisations. You need to complete the form so your child may receive the vaccine in school on Thursday 2nd November. You also need to complete the form if you do not want your child to have the immunisation. It is NOT an injection it is administered via a nose spray. This may feel a little funny but does not hurt. If you missed the link it can be found below.



<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/SKUfKZTyKK>

Family Support

Sharon McCormick is our Home/School Liaison Worker. If you are struggling with your child's behaviour at home; bedtimes and mornings are a nightmare; your child is a fussy eater or struggles to leave you at school time, then Sharon may be able to help.

She is available to support any parent/carers who may need advice or support. She can also help with other issues affecting families for example: divorce, separation, bereavement, housing issues and benefits. If she cannot help you personally, then she can refer to more specialised services who will be experts in their field. Sharon is available Monday - Wednesday between 7.45am-4pm. You are welcome to email her on

Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk. She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

Alternatively, come to one of her drop in sessions in school from 8.00am - 9.00am on one of the following Mondays:

30th October

27th November

11th December

Half Term Library Events



Come along to our fantastic, free, children's events this half term at the library.

We've got two different book events over eight sessions, both with readings and fun activities for ages 3+

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Meet Author Kate Read and enjoy a reading of her book 'One Fox' and a fun print making activity afterwards!

Or design and build your own bridge, and enjoy a reading of 'Malik's Bridge' at our super Black History Month themed workshop with Kunda Kids publishers!

[Find out more about the events and book your free place.](#)

Plus older children can come along to our free Comic Strip Workshops and make their own comic! [More information about Comic Strip Workshops.](#)

Diary Dates		
23.10.23 to 27.10.23	Half Term	
30.10.23	Back to school	8.40am
2.11.23	Flu Immunisations – consent forms sent	AM
3.11.23	Deadline for 'LinktoHope' Shoe Box donations	
4.11.23	Nursery & Reception Open morning for new starters Sept 2024	10.00am-12.00pm
6.11.23	Maths workshop for Reception parents & carers	9.00am
10.11.23	Woodpecker class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.05-9.30am approx
13.11.23	Non-Pupil Day	Day
17.11.23	Non- Uniform Day for Children in Need	Day
4.12.23	Governor Curriculum Meeting	6.30pm

4.12.23	Year 1 Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM
5.12.23	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited – info to come	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
6.12.23	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited – info to come	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
6.12.23	Christmas lunch - Rec, Years 1 & 2	11.45-1.00pm
6.12.23	Christmas/Seasonal Jumper Day	
8.12.23	Nursery & Reception school disco	3.15-4.45pm
8.12.23	Year 1 and Year 2 school disco	5.00-6.30pm
20.12.23	Last day of term	3.20pm
4.1.24	Back to school Rec, Year 1 & 2	8.40am
5.1.23	Back to school for Nursery children	

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