

#### Welcome Back Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Hawk	Arthur, Jessica
Eagle	Alf, Leyton
Kestrel	Carina, Antoni
Swift	Isla, Pippa
Owl	Michael, Macauley
Wagtail	Ralph, Eddie
Kingfisher	Rena
Robin	Blessed
Woodpecker	Whole class, Aisata
Puffin	Bonnie-Bleu, Obiamaka,
	Rohan, Noah

#### Woodpecker Class Assembly

I'm lost for words! What a fantastic assembly by our young children in Woodpecker class this morning. We are enormously proud of all the children for their hard work in the learning, their fantastic singing, spelling and maths. It is amazing how confident they were to share all this in front of such a large audience.

### Good-Bye Mrs Dedman

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Dedman in assembly this morning. The children presented her with lovely cards and flowers. We will miss her but wish her every success in her new adventure.

## **PTFA Pop-Up Shop**

Thank you to the PTFA for running the Halloween Pop-up Shop. The money raised for both schools was £291.73. The next events will be Santa's Grotto and the Christmas Hampers and Raffle. Keep an eye out for more information

## **Non-Pupil Day**

Don't forget that school is closed to children on Monday. We re-open on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 8.40am.

### Link to Hope

Thank you again to everyone that filled a shoe box for the appeal. School Council reps helped Mr Kimber load the boxes into his car to deliver to a collection point in Chelmsford. We are hoping to hear where these boxes end up!



## **PTFA Santa's Grotto**

An email has been sent home with a QR code to book a slot for your child at Santa's Grotto. Please remember to include your child's name and class so that the PTFA know who the slot is for.

https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QUH0ZC38



### **Collecting Children**

If you are unable to collect your child from school at the end of the day, you only need to notify the office if the person collecting is NOT on your green collection form. Please ensure they have your password if it is an adult that does not collect very often.

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## Writing Celebration Wall

There is a display in the library celebrating children's efforts and achievements in writing across the school. The chosen pieces of writing



belong to: Anthony (Kestrel), Penny (Eagle), Amelia (Hawk), Austin (Swift), Amelia (Owl), Isabelle (Wagtail), Leyla-May (Robin), Max (Woodpecker) and Seth (Kingfisher). Well done everyone.

#### PTFA Golden Bauble Hamper Raffle

You should have received an email today requesting items for the Christmas Hamper Raffle. Please hand in items at the office or to class teachers. Thank you for your support.



### **Remembrance Sunday**

Raven and Jude, Eagle class, will be laying a wreath at the cenotaph in the Public Gardens, on behalf of Great Bradfords Infant & Nursery School. If you would like to come along, the service will begin in the Public Gardens at 2pm. A parade will then leave and march through Braintree Town Centre to St Michael's Church where a service will be held.



### **Reception Starters 2024**

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024, you will need to apply for their place online. The portal opened on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and closes Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person.

https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-andlearning/schools/admissions/admissionsseptember-2024

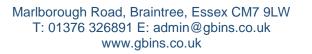
## Year 2 Parents

Remember you must go online to apply for your child's place in the Junior School for September 2024. The portal opened on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and closes Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person. <u>https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-andlearning/schools/admissions/admissionsseptember-2024</u>

## Parking

Please ensure you park legally and safely when dropping off or collecting children from school. A child was nearly knocked over earlier in the week when a car mounted the pavement to park in Essex Road. We all have a duty to protect our children and families.

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### Attendance

The class with the best attendance again this week was Robin class with 98%. Well



done children, parents and carers. Robin class also achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone!

# **Tidy Classroom**

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



### **Rocket Points**

**Blue** rocket teams were the winners this week with **158** smiley faces. Well done children.

#### **Financial Support**

If you are finding it difficult to manage in the current economic climate. Please see the following information for support options available:

Household support fund: Those who are not eligible for a cost of living payment from DWP in October /November 2023 may be eligible for a grant from the household support fund. Anyone in Essex is able to apply to the fund and can contact the Peabody team for financial support with the cost of living. They will arrange a call to guide families through the application process. The email address for contact is here: <u>efsco-ordinator@peabody.org.uk</u>

**Essential Living Fund:** Grants for support with food, hygiene products and fuel payments, for items of furniture or one off purchases. All grants are paid via a prepaid mastercard and furniture support is made by voucher. The application is completed through the Essex council website as they hold the fund. The link for applications is here: https://espws.necsws.com/ords/pwsliv e/f?p=NSFFQ:10:9739643515834:::SESSI ON:APP\_LA\_CODE,APP\_TEXT\_LANGUA GE:ESSCC,ENG&cs=3yCAv7c44D9b1Iqlyx WytECnquisBrsEaPg4Ce8MNP21ozy2POe dVUvn3EMg3E0roAf7ZnQES52bYqeNO\_k eO7w

**Social Prescribing:** For those who would like to make positive change to their health and wellbeing, a social prescriber can support with a range of non-medical circumstances. Including: *Keeping Active-* Wellness walks, seated exercise, weight management programmes. *Practical support-* Help into employment, dementia and carer support, advice on slips, trips, and falls, Food bank referrals and vouchers, food support. Essex family support service. *Connecting with others-* social groups and activities, befriending and volunteering opportunities.

## **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, family separation or bereavement, then Sharon may be able to help.

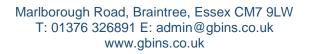
If she cannot help you personally, then she can refer to more specialised services who will be experts in their field. Sharon is available Monday - Wednesday between 7.45am-4pm. You are welcome to email her on <u>Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk</u>. She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

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

29<sup>th</sup> November

11<sup>th</sup> December

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Diary Dates					
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 – All of Swift Class & ½ Owl Class, surnames A- I	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)			
6.12.23	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Wagtail Class and ½ Owl Class, surnames J-Z	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	8.40am

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