



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 17th November 2023

Hawk	Peggy, Bella
Eagle	Eli, Phoebe
Kestrel	Holly, Sienna-Rose
Swift	Jedidiah, Archie
Owl	Amelia, Mia
Wagtail	Brooklyn, Teddy
Kingfisher	Emilia
Robin	Averie
Woodpecker	Amelia-May
Puffin	Owen, Rylee, Adam, Samuel

Eco Club News

Please read carefully so you know what is happening. We have shared this with the children in assembly and will share again in class.

Christmas Card Pledge

Our eco warriors have learnt some devastating facts about Christmas cards and the impact on our environment. Each year group potentially sends 2,700 Christmas cards every year. Just one tree makes approximately 3,000 cards. Just think!

As a result we have come up with an alternative idea for card giving. Each child will make 1 card in school for their whole class, which will go on display. This will also save on envelopes too.

If your child still wishes to bring in cards that will of course be fine but we would like to encourage this eco alternative. It will also save you a few pennies too.

Year 2 Local Walks

The children in Year 2 have been out and about exploring our local area.

"We have been recording the physical features like trees and streams and the human features like houses and road signs we saw. We wrote everything we saw on a clipboard. Next week we will be putting all of these things onto a map." By Amelia in Kestrel Class.

Fire Service Visit

Year 2 were extremely lucky to have the local fire service visit on Wednesday. The children had a good look round the fire engine and learnt lots of interesting facts. I



think they realise how lucky we are to have such an efficient fire service, unlike during the Great Fire of London.

"We got to see the fire hoses. We went inside and we saw a fire mask. You call 999 for fire fighters and they put on the sirens." By Bella (Hawk class)

Golden Bauble Hamper Raffle

The PTFA are organising a new style raffle this year. There are some great prizes on offer that will be placed in each of the golden bauble hampers. We need lots of extra items to top them up, so if you are able to contribute any of the following



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items it would be greatly appreciated.

- Nursery: Biscuits (sweet or savoury)
- Reception: Toiletries (beauty packs/shower gel/bath bombs)
- Year 1: Sweeties (haribo, Christmas sweet tubes)
- Year 2: Bring a bottle (alcohol will be accepted)

Please hand donations to the class teacher or the infant school office. All donations in by 4th December. Thank you in advance.

PTFA Santa's Grotto

Sunday 19th November is the last chance to book Santa's Grotto for your child. Please remember to include your child's name and class when booking. Thank you.

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



Remembrance Sunday

It was lovely to see so many families at the Remembrance Service in the Public Gardens last Sunday. Jude and Raven, Eagle class, were great ambassadors for the school and laid a wreath on our behalf. Thank you and well done.



Label Clothing

This is a desperate request for parents and carers to put children's names in coats, jumpers etc... We have a ridiculous amount of lost property that accumulates daily. If it is named then it will be returned to the child. Please put names on water bottles too.

Footwear

We are happy for children to wear trainers on their PE day only.

When buying new trainers please consider if your child is able to tie laces independently.

We would prefer if they wore trainers that fastened with Velcro if they cannot tie their own laces.



Pudsey Bearpees

Children have been completing the Pudsey Bearpees challenge in class. Ask them to show you what one is. Great fun and an excellent way to keep fit!

Thank you to everyone for the donations towards Children in Need. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as we have counted it all.



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 6th November and closes Monday 15th January. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-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 6th November and closes Monday 15th January. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person.

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Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Owl class with 95.8%. Well done children, parents and carers. Kingfisher class achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone!



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Tidy Classroom

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



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.

Rocket Points

Orange rocket teams were the winners this week with **153** 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: efscsco-ordinator@peabody.org.uk

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

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 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:

29th November

11th December

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Diary Dates		
21.11.23	Height & Weight checks for Reception children	AM
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
11.12.23	Santa's Grotto	Day
12.12.23	Santa's Grotto	Day

18.12.23	Coffee morning for all parents & carers in Junior school hall. Infant & Junior school choirs singing. Golden Bauble Hamper Raffle draw.	9.00am
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
12.1.24	Hawk Class assembly. Parents & Carers invited	9.05- 9.30am approx
26.1.24	Owl Class assembly. Parents & Carers invited	9.05- 9.30am approx
9.2.24	Wagtail Class assembly. Parents & Carers invited	9.05- 9.30am approx
18.3.24	Reception Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM
19.3.24	Reception performance- parents & carers invited – All of Kingfisher Class & ½ Woodpecker Class, surnames A to G	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
20.3.24	Reception performance- parents & carers invited – All of Robin Class & ½ Woodpecker Class, surnames H to Z	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)

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