



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 24th November 2023

Hawk	Eda, Antoni
Eagle	Teddy, Amelia D
Kestrel	Meghan, Rico
Swift	Sydney, Oliver
Owl	Frank, Oche
Wagtail	Lacey, Dora
Kingfisher	Skylar
Robin	Aiya
Woodpecker	Georgie
Puffin	Charlie, Faye, Jacob, Evie

Disco Plans

The discos will be on Friday 8th December. The cost of the tickets will be £2.50 per child. From Monday, you will be able to pay for this on Arbor. Don't panic there is enough space for everyone to come. We will not be issuing tickets but we will be keeping a register of children paid. This will be our attendance register at the event.



Nursery & Reception disco is from 3.30-4.30pm. Children can bring their disco clothes in a named bag to school and staff will help them change at the end of the day. Alternatively, you may come and help them get changed and take all of their school clothes and bags home with you. Children will need to be collected from their class at 4.30pm.

Years 1 & 2 disco is from 4.45-6.00pm. Children should be collected from school at the end of the day at 3.20pm as there are no clubs on that day. Children can change into their disco clothes at home and come back to school for 4.45pm. Staff will let them in through their classroom doors. You will be able to collect your child from class after the disco at 6.00pm.

Both discos will end with a little magic show for the children.

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 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.

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.

Calpol

We do keep Calpol in school for emergencies. We would always contact

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parents/carers to seek permission to give Calpol to a child during the day. If you know your child is going to need Calpol, then you must provide this. School would usually only give Calpol over a one or two day period. After this you should be seeking professional medical advice.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly to ensure you treat head lice or nits as soon as you see them. Please see the advice on our website:

<https://www.gbins.co.uk/media/2124/headlice-letter-nov-22.pdf>

Children in Need

Thanks to your generosity we raised a massive £288.31 for Children in Need last week. Thank you.



Parking

Concerns have been raised from local residents and members of our school community about parents parking illegally and without consideration to pedestrians and local residents. Please be mindful of where you are allowed to park and to also park safely when dropping off or picking up from school. We have reported two vehicles to the North Essex Parking Partnership and also asked Essex Highways if they would come and issue tickets to drivers parked illegally. If you have concerns about parking please click on the link below to report this directly. Thank you.

<https://north.parkingpartnership.org/enforcement-requests/>

School Books

Sadly, we have had a number of school books that have been ruined because they have had juice etc... spilt onto them. The reading books the children take home belong to sets of books that various children

will read in school or at home at different times throughout the year.

These sets of books are very expensive and we cannot afford to keep replacing them.

Please encourage your child to carry their water bottles and not put them in bags where school books are. Help us to look after our school books. Thank you.



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>

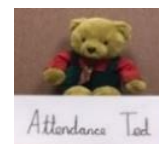
Year 2 Parents

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.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2024>

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Kestrel class with 97.9%. 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 Eagle class. Well done to the children for taking care of their classroom.



Rocket Points

Purple rocket teams were the winners this week with **233** smiley faces. Well done children.



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 dates:

29th November

11th December

Diary Dates		
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	3.30- 4.30pm
8.12.23	Year 1 and Year 2 school disco	4.45- 6.00pm
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

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4.1.24	Back to school Rec, Year 1 & 2	8.40am
5.1.24	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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