



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 1st December 2023

Hawk	Darcy, Dexter
Eagle	Alex, Lacey
Kestrel	Harry, Elsie
Swift	Drew, Robyn
Owl	Amina, Ethan
Wagtail	Mimi, Anita
Kingfisher	Isabella
Robin	Mason
Woodpecker	Ivy
Puffin	Lissiah, Ellie, Olivia, Adrian

Save The Children

On Wednesday we are inviting children to come to school not in uniform but wearing seasonal jumpers. Mr Kimber and I will be on the gates to collect any money you would like to donate to Save the Children. The children will also be having their delicious Christmas lunch in school on that day.



Water Bottles

We try hard to encourage the children to remain hydrated during the day. It isn't always easy when the weather is cold as the children tend to be less thirsty. It has been noted that some children are coming to school with juice in their bottles and this is causing some upset in class. We promote water as it is a great choice because it hydrates without calories or sugars that can potentially damage teeth. It also means that if any is spilt in class we do not end up with a sticky mess that can encourage ants. As lunch boxes are stored in classrooms the last thing we want is ants.



Please help us to encourage healthy lifestyles by providing your child with water each day. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

Please note that from January we will no longer be offering the £2 discount for children with a sibling attending the junior breakfast club. We will continue to offer this discount to parents with two or more children at our school when both attend breakfast club.

Holiday Dates

Please note the holiday dates for this academic year (2023-24) and next (2024-25) can be found on our website.

Disco Plans

The discos will be on Friday 8th December. The cost of the tickets will be £2.50 per child. You are able to pay for this on Arbor. Don't panic there is enough space for everyone to come. We will not be issuing paper 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

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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 as soon as possible please. Thank you in advance.

Lateness

There are an increasing number of children coming in late and quite a few that are regularly late. It is important that your child comes in to school via their classroom door between 8.40 and 8.50am. Children feel very self-conscious walking in to class late or joining assembly in the hall. It also means they miss the chance to complete rocket jobs in class first thing, which work on specific skills for children. Parents will need to sign children in, giving the reason for lateness, when they bring them in. Please get children in on time!



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property, consisting of school clothes that are not named. If your child has lost any items please come to the office and we will arrange for you to check the lost property.

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. Even if you have a child already in the juniors, you still must apply for your child's Year 3 place. 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 Eagle class with 96%. Well done children, parents and carers. Swift and Eagle classes both achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone!



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Tidy Classroom

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



Rocket Points

Orange rocket teams were the winners this week with **216** 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 date:

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	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)

	Class & ½ Owl Class, surnames A-I	
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
14.12.23	Carols by Candlelight assembly at St Peter's Church	AM
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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