



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back
Friday 5th January 2024

Happy New Year

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and that Father Christmas was kind to you. It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school yesterday and here we are already looking forward to the weekend.

Names on Belongings

Lots of children have come to school with new packed lunch boxes, water bottles and/or school uniform. Please make sure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. We end up with a ridiculous amount of lost property on a regular basis that we cannot return as it does not have a name on it!



Woodpecker Class

Mrs Watson will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 2nd February. She has requested to have her parent consultation meetings before she goes as she knows the children so well. We have rescheduled her consultations for Wednesday 31st January between 9.00am – 3.20pm. You will be able to book a 10 minute slot via Arbor from 1.00pm on Monday 8th January.

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 closes Monday 15th January 2024. 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 closes Monday 15th January 2024. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person.

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Attendance

As we have only been in school for two days I thought I would share general important attendance information with you. There are 175 non-school days each year for you to book family holidays and other events. These should not be taken during school days. The whole school target for attendance is 96%. Currently our school attendance stands at 94.2%. It is noted that children who have good attendance achieve well at school. Last term there were 378 late arrivals. Children must arrive between 8.40-8.50am. They should access school via their class door and not through the office.



Rocket Points

Red rocket teams were the winners this week with **156** smiley faces. Well done children.

Diary Dates		
12.1.24	Hawk class assembly. Parents & Carers invited	9.05-9.30am approx
18.1.24	Governor Finance meeting	6.30pm

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26.1.24	Owl class assembly. Parents & Carers invited	9.05-9.30am approx
31.1.24	Woodpecker Parent Consultation Meetings	9.00am-3.20pm
14.2.24	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2	3.40 – 6.20pm
15.2.24	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2	3.40 – 6.20pm
16.2.24	Non-Pupil Day	Day
19.2.24 to 23.2.24	Half Term	
26.2.24	Back to School	8.40am
7.3.24	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character	Day
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, children's surnames A to G	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
19.3.24	Governor Curriculum meeting	6.30pm

20.3.24	Reception performance- parents & carers invited – All of Robin class & ½ Woodpecker class, children's surnames H to Z	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
23.3.24	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	11.30am–1.30pm
28.3.24	Last Day of Term	3.20pm
29.3.24 to 12.4.24	Easter Holidays	
15.4.24	Back to school	8.40am
24.4.24	Class Photos	Day
25.4.24	Governor Budget meeting	6.30pm
3.5.24	Wagtail class assembly	9.05-9.30am approx
9.5.24	PJ & Popcorn Night	4.30-6.00pm
17.5.24	Robin class assembly	9.05-9.30am approx
23.5.24	Break up Half Term	3.20pm
24.5.24	Non-Pupil Day	Day
27.5.24 to 31.5.24	Half Term	
3.6.24	Back to school	8.40am
5.6.24	Sport's Day Reception	AM
5.6.24	Sport's Day Years 1 & 2	PM
10.6.24 to 14.6.24	Eco Week	

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10.6.24 to 14.6.24	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
14.6.24	Kingfisher class assembly	9.05- 9.30am approx
8.7.24	Year 2 Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM
9.7.24	Year 2 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Kestrel class & ½ Eagle class, children's surnames A to H	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
10.7.24	Year 2 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Hawk class & ½ Eagle class, children's surnames I to Z	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
11.7.24	Governor Curriculum meeting	6.30pm
12.7.24	Year 2 Leaver's Disco	3.30- 5.00pm
23.7.24	Break up for Summer	3.20pm
2.9.24	Non Pupil Day	
3.9.24	Non Pupil Day	
4.9.24	Back to School Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am
5.9.24	Back to School Nursery	

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