



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Celebration Awards Friday 20th September 2019

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| Jet | Jackson, George C |
| Topaz | Kaileigh, Jamie |
| Amethyst | Henry, Barbara |
| Opal | Kyan, Sophie |
| Diamond | Gracie, Ben |
| Sapphire | Zoë, Annabelle |
| Emerald | Frankie |
| Ruby | Ceejay |
| Moonstone | Teddy |

Good-bye Miss Nightingale

Sadly, we will be saying good-bye to Miss Nightingale, our site manager on Friday 27th September. Miss Nightingale has been at Great Bradfords Infants for 5½ years. We will all miss her very much but wish her lots of happiness in her new ventures.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who gave money to this worthy cause. The children always enjoy coming to school in their own clothes and it was great to plan this event with Mr. Wrench, Headteacher at the junior school. We collected a total of £306.23 to send to the charity.



Library Visits

Children in Topaz and Jet classes visited the library this week. The librarian explained how to use the

catalogue system and then the children had time to explore the library and select a book to take home. We encourage all parents and carers to make use of the local library. We need to support this free service or we will lose it!

Harvest

We will be holding a harvest assembly for the children on Thursday 25th September. We are asking for parents and carers to bring in donations for a lovely school display of food which will then be donated to Braintree foodbank, who are in desperate need of donations. You may start bringing in your donations from next week.

Urgently needed

- Packet mash potato
- 1ltr Long life fruit juice
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned spaghetti
- Sponge puddings
- 500g bag of sugar

Other food items needed

- Pasta sauce
- Tinned cold meats – Ham/corned beef/Spam
- 1ltr Long life milk
- Tea bags – 40 or 80 bag packets
- Tinned tomatoes

Non-food items

- Deodorants
- Small boxes of non-biological washing powder/liquid

The food bank is asking for small packs as larger packs do not fit in their boxes making it difficult for people to carry

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home. Also, they are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs. Thank you for your support.

Curriculum Meetings

This term's topics are:

Nursery: All About Me

Reception: Mud, Mess and Mixtures

Year 1: Up, Up and Away

Year 2: Horrible Histories

Teachers plan learning through these fun topics. We would like to invite parents and carers of children in year 1 to a brief information morning on Wednesday 2nd October at 9.00 in the hall. This will be followed by a stay and learn session in the year 1 classrooms. Year 2 parents and carers are invited to a brief information event on Friday 4th October at 9.00am in the hall followed by a stay and learn session in the year 2 classrooms. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us. This is a great way to find out what your child is learning at the moment.

School Council Elections

The children have voted and the class reps for 2019-20 are:

Jet: Eva and Harrison

Amethyst: Tallulah and Barbara

Topaz: Eleanor and Luke

Opal: Sophie and Oscar

Diamond: Abel and Elsie

Sapphire: Freddie and Zoë

Congratulations to all of the children for their campaign speeches. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about British values and a democratic system.

The first meeting with Mrs Farr will be on Tuesday 1st October.

Crossing Patrol Officers

The first job of the school council was to meet and greet our two crossing patrol officers, Mrs Ainger and Mr Hasoz, as they came to introduce themselves to all of the children in assembly.

Afterwards the class reps invited them for refreshments in the school library and talked about their jobs. They decided it would be a good idea to invite them back to school another day to talk to the children about crossing the road safely.



Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Topaz class for the best attendance of 98.9% this week. Attendance Ted will spend the week in class with the children. The classes with 100% punctuality are: Ruby, Moonstone and Diamond.



Tidy Classroom

Jet Class won the award for tidy classroom this week.

Well done everyone.



Secondary school admissions open

Are you a parent or carer of a Year 6 child?

You can now apply online for your child's September 2020 secondary school place.

Applications opened on 12 September

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and must be made by the national closing date of Thursday 31 October 2019.

To apply online, visit the [school admissions pages](#).

Family Support

Dear Parent/Carers,

Are you struggling with your child's behaviour at home? Are bedtimes and mornings a nightmare? Is your child a fussy eater or does your child struggle to leave you at school time?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then maybe I can help? My name is Sharon McCormick and I am the Home/School liaison worker for your child's school. I am available to support any parent/carers who may need advice or support. I can also support with other issues affecting family like for example, divorce and separation, housing issues and benefits. If I cannot help you personally, I can refer to more specialised services who will be expert in their field. Please ask your child's Class Teacher or the Headteacher if you would like some contact from me. I also operate a monthly drop in service where you can just turn up without an appointment, once you have dropped the children off, to have a one off chat. Please see below for future dates. (Please be aware, occasionally there may be a short wait as it operates on a first come, first served basis.)

Kind regards
Sharon

Drop-in sessions are from 8.30-9.15am on:

Tuesday 1st October

Tuesday 5th November

Tuesday 3rd December

| Diary Dates | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------|
| 23.9.19 | Amethyst class visiting the library | Day |
| 26.9.19 | Governing Board Meeting | 8.45am |
| 30.9.19 | Year 1 Virtual Reality Workshop | Day |
| 2.10.19 | Year 1 curriculum meeting for parents/carers | 9.00am |
| 4.10.19 | Year 2 curriculum meeting for parents/carers | 9.00am |
| 10.10.19 | Individual Photographs | Day |
| 17.10.19 | Governing Board Meeting | 8.45am |
| 18.10.19 | Diamond Class Assembly – Parents/Carers invited | 9.10-9.40am |
| 21.10.19 & 22.10.19 | Year 1 + 2 Parent Consultation Evenings | 3.30-6.30pm |
| 23.10.19 | Whole School Flu Immunisations | Day |
| 25.10 | Amethyst Class Assembly – Parents/Carers invited | 9.10-9.40am |
| 28.10.19 to 1.11.19 | Half Term | Week |
| 4.11.19 | Non- Pupil Day | |
| 5.11.19 | Back to School | 8.45am |

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| 15.11.19 | Moonstone Class Assembly – Parents/Carers invited | 9.10-9.40am |
| 26.11.19 | Peter Pan Pantomime for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 | AM |
| 28.11.19 | Governing Board Meeting | 8.45am |
| 4.12.19 | Year Dress Rehearsal | AM |
| 5.12.19 & 6.12.19 | Year 1 Performance for Parents and Carers | 9.15-9.45am approx |
| 11.12.19 | Christmas Jumper Day | Day |
| 11.12.19 | Christmas Lunch for Reception, Years 1 and 2 | 11.45 – 1.30pm |
| 19.12.19 | Break Up for Christmas | 3.00pm |

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