



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Celebration Awards Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Jet	Lara, Alicja
Topaz	Keelan, Ava-Marie
Amethyst	Hollie, Tallulah
Opal	George H, Isabella
Diamond	Elsie, Harvey
Sapphire	Abigail, Leon
Emerald	Matthew
Ruby	Alex
Moonstone	Shania

## Welcome Back

I can't believe we've reached the end of the week already. I hope you all had a lovely half term and are ready for all the exciting learning this new half term will bring.

I have emailed the results of the parent/carer questionnaires. If you would like a paper copy, please speak to the school office. Thank you to everyone who completed and returned one.

## Health & Wellbeing Week

Throughout this week children and staff have been focusing on the mental health and wellbeing of the children and themselves.

The children in reception have taken part in various mindfulness activities to allow themselves to take a moment out of their busy day to feel calm and relaxed. The activities have included; mindfulness playdough, cosmic yoga and bean bag breathing. In addition to this, Friday afternoon gives the children an option to visit one of the other reception classes to complete a mindful

activity. Moonstone had a range of games and puzzles, Ruby class was a zen classroom and Emerald class offered arts and crafts. The children have really enjoyed the activities and they are excited about continuing them throughout the year.

Year 1 went on a magic carpet ride to their favourite, safest place. They drew pictures and write about what they could see and hear there. They had a lovely time learning how breathing can help us to feel calm during their yoga session with Nicola.

Year 2 had a lovely, relaxing time in the hall doing some cosmic yoga. They used the yoga as an opportunity to think about their breathing. During circle time they talked about the importance of looking after their physical health and their mental health.

They shared ideas about keeping

physically healthy as

well as ideas about how to keep mentally healthy. Their ideas to manage feelings of anger was to take deep breaths, read a book or do something you enjoy to take your mind off it. Each child was also given 3 smiley faces to give to other children that they saw being kind or friendly. It has been a fantastic week in school. Looking after our mental health is vitally important.



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## Children in Need

For Children in Need this year, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, we are wearing

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**non-uniform** and the theme, if you would like to join in, is to wear



something spotty. In school, we will be baking and decorating cakes with the children which will be on sale

at the end of the day. As we know some of you are expert cake makers and decorators! We'd be grateful for your help on either Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.

## Meet Our Governors

Here are the next two portfolios about our governors. We thought this would be a great way to introduce them to you.

Hello! My name is Jo and I have been a governor at our school since 2014. I have held various roles, among them being Chair, SEND link, Training Link, Equality & Accessibility Link and, most recently, RE Link.

My background lies in education, having been a teacher for many years before working within the County Specialist Teacher team until I retired. I am the class governor attached to Opal class for this school year and I am looking forward to getting to know them and hearing all about their learning in Year 1.

I really enjoy singing in the choir at St. Mary's in Bocking, where I am also a churchwarden and have the pleasure of looking after the beautiful building and its contents. I go to an



art class once a week and like reading, doing Codeword puzzles as well as watching cookery programmes. (People pay me not to bake cakes for them though!)



"My name is Annmarie Wagstaff and I have been a member of the Governing Board since September 2017. I currently hold the position

of Vice Chair. I have a daughter in the Juniors and my son has just started in Reception. I very much enjoy the part I play in ensuring that all is being done within school to help every child

achieve their very best.

Other than for Governing Board meetings I try to be in school termly and visit my link classes and subject leads. I learn something new about



how school runs every time I visit, which is great. Outside of school I am a Civil Servant and when not working or volunteering I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, walking and cooking."

## After School Reading

Don't forget to sign up to the after school reading. For this half term the chosen days for each year group are:

Year 2 – Monday  
Reception – Tuesday  
Year 1 - Wednesday

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These days will be changing in the Spring term in order to give all parents/carers a chance to attend.

## Reception Starters 2020

If your child will be starting reception in 2020 then you will need to apply for a school place online. If you are in our nursery and want to come to our school, you will still need to apply online. Applications open on 11<sup>th</sup> November and all applications need to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

## Year 2 Parents/Carers

Your child will be moving to year 3 in September 2020. To secure a year 3 place at the juniors you need to apply online. Applications will open 11<sup>th</sup> November and close 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Don't forget to apply for their school place at:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

## Writing Celebration Wall

The display in the library celebrates children's effort and achievement in writing across the school. Please feel free to pop in to the library to read the selected pieces of writing.

The chosen writing for this fortnight belong to: Beth (Jet), Ted C (Amethyst), Sophie (Topaz), Cameron (Opal), Teigan (Diamond), Jacob (Sapphire), Rosie (Emerald), Suthinee (Ruby) and



Darcie (Moonstone) Well done everyone.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Topaz class for the best attendance of 100%. The classes with 100% punctuality were Ruby, Topaz, Diamond and Sapphire.



## Tidy Classroom

Topaz class won the award for tidy classroom this week. Well done everyone.



## New Lunch Menu

The new menu can be found on our website: [www.greatbradfords-inf.essex.sch.uk](http://www.greatbradfords-inf.essex.sch.uk) and has been emailed to you. Remember school lunches for infants are **free**. We are trying to encourage as many children as possible to have a school lunch rather than a packed lunch. Please encourage your child to at least try a school lunch. Look through the menu and help them to choose which meal they would like to try first.

## PTFA Rainbow Hampers

We are collecting for the rainbow hampers again this year. The hampers will be raffled off and the draw will take place during the coffee afternoon at the juniors on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please start collecting items of the appropriate colour, as shown below, which can be placed in the hamper. Obviously items need to be new! Thank you for your support.



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**Nursery and Reception – yellow**

**Year 1 – blue**

**Year 2 – red**

### Family Support

Drop-in session with Sharon McCormick is from 8.30-9.15am on: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Diary Dates		
11.11.19	PTFA Meeting in Infant School	7.00-8.00pm
15.11.19	Moonstone Class Assembly – Parents/Carers invited	9.10-9.40am
15.11.19	Children in Need <b>Non-uniform Day</b>	Day
18.11.19	Phonics workshop for parents & carers of children in reception and year 1	9.00-10.00
19.12.19	Spelling workshop for parents/carers of children in year 2	9.00 – 10.00
20.11.19	Governor training on Ofsted	7.00pm
22.11.19	Freshwater Theatre workshop for Year 2	Day
26.11.19	Peter Pan Pantomime for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	AM
28.11.19	Governing Board Meeting	7.00pm
3.12.19	Author, Nick Butterworth visiting	Day

4.12.19	Year Dress Rehearsal	AM
5.12.19	PTFA Coffee Afternoon at the Juniors. All welcome.	2.00 - 3.00pm
5.12.19 & 6.12.19	PTFA Santa's Grotto – info to follow	Day
5.12.19 & 6.12.19	Year 1 Performance for Parents/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
<b>12.12.19</b>	<b>School Closed General Election</b>	<b>Day</b>
13.12.19	Essex Fire & Rescue visiting year 2	AM
13.12.19 & 16.12.19	Braintree Lions Christmas Float in local area collecting money for Great Bradfords PTFA	6.30-9.00pm (approx.)
18.12.19	School Carol Concert at St Peter's Church	AM
19.12.19	Break Up for Christmas	3.00pm
6.1.20	Back to School	8.45am

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