



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Celebration Awards Friday 6th December 2019

Jet	Connor, Lucas
Topaz	Frankie, Meredith
Amethyst	Baxter, Liam
Opal	Ava, whole class
Diamond	Teigan, whole class
Sapphire	Rupert, whole class
Emerald	Millie
Ruby	Charlotte
Moonstone	Hugo

Year 1 Performance

"Fantastic, amazing, wonderful, unbelievable, brilliant!" These are just some of the words the audience have used to describe the year 1 performance of 'Christmas with the Aliens!'

The children wowed us with their singing and acting, it's hard to believe that such confident children are only 5 and 6 years old.

A special well done to the fabulous band, who kept the rhythm going through each of the songs.



Contact Details

Please may I remind parents/carers to update contact numbers and addresses if these have changed. In the event of an emergency, it is essential that we are able to contact you. All children should have at least 2 contacts that we can call in an emergency.

Christmas Disco

As I sit here writing the newsletter I can hear the screeches of laughter from the children at the disco. I am certain that all of the children will have a fantastic time tonight.

Nursery and reception disco finishes at 4.45pm. Year 1 and 2 disco starts at 5.00pm and finishes at 6.30pm. All children should be dropped off and picked up from their classes.

After School Reading

The days are as follows:

Reception: Every day

Year 1: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Year 2: Monday,
Thursday, Friday

All sessions run from 2.55pm until 3.15pm. We hope this will enable more of you to come along and read with your child.



PTFA Santa's Grotto

Lots of the children went to visit Father Christmas in his grotto. They were all very excited to tell him their name and be given a sticker and present. I wonder how



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many will stay wrapped until Christmas Day?

PTFA Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone that came to the coffee afternoon at the juniors. It was lovely to listen to the infant and junior school choirs. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners of the rainbow hampers.



Books for School

If you read *The Sun and The Sun on Sunday*, please collect and bring in to school the book tokens they will be publishing between Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 18th January. Once we have collected 3,500 tokens we will receive a box of more than 100 books for FREE. The books will be sent to school in March 2020.



Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Diamond class for the best attendance of 97.3%. The class with 100% punctuality was Sapphire.



Tidy Classroom

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



Library Events

Braintree library is hosting a number of events over Christmas.

Winter Reading Challenge running 2nd December-13th January (online mini version of our Summer Reading Challenge)

Christmas Themed Rhyme Time Sessions Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Saturday 21st December featuring a special guest

Christmas Craft Event Saturday 21st December 2pm-4pm

Our ongoing Construction Club every Saturday 2pm-4pm

Child Health App

"Parents and carers across mid Essex can now find NHS advice at their fingertips to help look after their child's health." You can download the free app:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/mid-essex-child-health/id1447060404>

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.senseinteractive.midessexchildhealth&hl=en_GB

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Home learning environment



The term 'home learning environment' is an umbrella term that encompasses everything that parents do with their children at home. Whether

they cook together, go shopping together or share a book together all of these activities are part of the home learning environment.

Research has shown that the quality of the home learning environment is crucial in children's later achievements. Additionally, research has shown that what parents/carers do is far more important than their socioeconomic status. This means that getting children expensive toys will not have the same impact as talking to them, reading stories, singing songs, going on adventures together either in the local park, local library or further afield and in general spending quality time together. The [Talk, Listen and Cuddle website](#) has a wealth of information; from the baby cards to the "50 things to do before you are 5" poster, these resources can be used to influence the home learning environment and to enjoy spending time with their children.

Diary Dates		
11.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day	Day
11.12.19	Christmas Lunch for Reception, Years 1 and 2	11.45 – 1.30pm
12.12.19	School Closed General Election	Day
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.)
17.12.19	Children sing carols to parents/carers in the playground	2.30pm
18.12.19	Children sing carols 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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