



# Great Bradfords

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

**Newsletter**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### New Class Names

At the start of this academic year, the children in school council were working with Mrs Farr to think of new class names, as the children decided that they wanted a change. After much discussion and a democratic vote, it was decided that the theme of British birds would be used to rename classes. We have taken the bird names and applied them to the classes in school, so from September the new class names will be:

Nursery (Little Gems) becomes Puffin Class

Moonstone becomes Woodpecker Class

Ruby becomes Robin Class

Emerald becomes Kingfisher Class

Opal becomes Wagtail Class

Diamond becomes Owl Class

Sapphire becomes Swift Class

Jet becomes Hawk Class

Amethyst becomes Eagle Class

Topaz becomes Kestrel Class

### Transition

I know that many of you are wondering what September 2020 will look like and, as a school, we receive the same information that you do with every government announcement. We know that for some children the return to school may be a little daunting, especially if their last day here was the 20<sup>th</sup> March! Although we do not know what measures will be in place then, we

can still prepare as best we can for a return. Classes for 2020-21 will be:

Current class	New class	Teacher
	Kingfisher	Mrs Holroyd & Mrs Farr
	Robin	Miss Frisby
	Woodpecker	Miss Legrove
Ruby	Swift	Mrs Seymour
Emerald	Wagtail	Miss Halfpenny
Moonstone	Owl	Mrs Chittenden
Opal	Hawk	Mrs Raval
Diamond	Kestrel	Mrs Thomas
Sapphire	Eagle	Mr Crow
Topaz	3W	Mrs Walker
Amethyst	3G	Miss Gray
Jet	3H	Mr Hickman

The junior school have already written to year 2 parents and carers and attached a video for the children and adults to watch. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5964j1s3CXY>

Our teachers are busy making their own videos to share with the children in their new classes, which will be sent home very soon. For obvious reasons we cannot take children in to see new classes or meet teachers which is why we felt the video was the next best thing.

Staff are also meeting to talk about every child in school to ensure their new teachers not only have a good

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understanding of their academic ability and areas where they may need support. They are also sharing the important information about the things your child likes and dislikes, their friends, the way they like to learn and lots more. Transition is just as important to us as it is to you. We are doing all that we can to prepare for children coming back to school in September because we want it to be a positive, successful experience for all of our children and families.

Our nursery and reception staff are contacting parents/carers at home to talk about the children coming in to school for the first time. They will also be talking to preschool settings to get a better understanding of each of the children.

As a parent/carer, the best support you can give your child is to stay positive. Talk to them about school to find out how they are feeling. Being a little nervous is a normal response. This doesn't make it bad! Your job is to help them understand these emotions and reassure them that it will be different but that is also exciting. This is part of being resilient. All of the staff in school will still be here in September. Current teachers will visit classes in September to say hello. Everyone will be at very different stages academically and emotionally and we are here to support all children in the best way possible.

### 100 Keywords

Congratulations to Frankie in Emerald, Hugo in Moonstone and Charlotte in Ruby class for learning their key words. We are all very proud of you. Keep

uploading videos to tapestry of your child reading their key words so we can see their progress.

### Easimaths Champs

The following top scorers of this week's Easimaths are: Chloe (Moonstone) with 755 points, John (Opal) with 1900 points and the top scorer from Year 2 is Brooke (Amethyst) with 1020 points.



### Wonderful Work

Eli (Emerald) has produced some lovely writing all about keeping safe in the sun. Make sure you read his advice. Please ensure children come to school with sun hats and sun cream as well as water bottles. This week has been exceptionally hot!



### Year 2 Transition Days

It was lovely to welcome back to school some children from Amethyst and Jet classes, if only for two days. It was lovely to talk to the children and see parents and carers during drop off and pick up. Saying good-bye was quite tough as we are going to miss them all but I am certain they will have a lovely summer and settle well in to the juniors in September.

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### Butterflies

Can you spot the three butterflies that have emerged from their chrysalis? The children in reception have been fascinated watching the caterpillars grow and change. How exciting!



### Nursery 30-Hour Funding

If you currently receive funding, then you must reapply by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. If you are applying for the first time you must complete online by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. I advise you not to leave applications to the last minute because if you miss out on funding you will not be entitled to the additional free 15-hour provision. This will result in you being charged for additional sessions or sessions being withdrawn. HMRC will often give advice that is different to that of Essex County. We have to follow the rules set out by County. Please click on the link to apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

### School Uniform

Hopefully, we will be back in uniform from September. If so, uniform may be purchased online from one of two outlets: [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) or [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk). We have a few items of uniform in the office for sale but will not be holding uniform, other than the rocket team t-shirts going forward.

### Lunch Menu

The menu for the rest of this term and the start of the Autumn term can be found on our website:

<https://www.gbins.co.uk/parents/menu/>

### Contact Us

Keep up to date with the latest news on our website at [www.gbins.co.uk](http://www.gbins.co.uk). Please let us know if any of your details change. Any questions or concerns call the office on 01376 326891.

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