



# Great Bradfords

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

**Newsletter**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**

### September 2020

The government has started to send out guidance to schools, colleges and early years' settings for the planned return to school in September. There is a lot to read before I can share the fine details with you. Early indicators suggest that School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply. Once I have read all of the guidance and reviewed our risk assessment, I will share the proposed plan with you all. I must admit, that I am excited at the prospect of seeing all of our children back in school. We have all missed everyone. No doubt the guidance for schools will change many times over the summer but rest assured, we will do everything possible to keep all of our children, their families and staff safe.

### Fantastic Children

Standing at the gate at the start and finish of the day allows me to say good morning and good-bye to our children, siblings, parents and carers. It always leaves me with a smile to hear how polite all of our children are. Despite these unsettling times, I am enormously proud of each and every one of them. I know how lucky I am to have the best job in the world. Thank you.

This is  
my  
thank you  
dance!



### New Classes

Just in case you missed the news. Here are the new classes and class names from September 2020.

I know that the children will love being back at school and with everyone's support will settle happily in to their new routines.

Current class	New class	Teacher
	Kingfisher (Reception)	Mrs Holroyd & Mrs Farr
	Robin (Reception)	Miss Frisby
	Woodpecker (Reception)	Miss Legrove
Ruby (Reception)	Swift (year 1)	Mrs Seymour
Emerald (Reception)	Wagtail (year 1)	Miss Halfpenny
Moonstone (Reception)	Owl (year 1)	Mrs Chittenden
Opal (year 1)	Hawk (year 2)	Mrs Raval
Diamond (year 1)	Kestrel (year 2)	Mrs Thomas
Sapphire (year 1)	Eagle (year 2)	Mr Crow
Topaz (year 2)	3W	Mrs Walker
Amethyst (year 2)	3G	Miss Gray
Jet (year 2)	3H	Mr Hickman

See if you can help your child find a picture of the bird that is their new class name.

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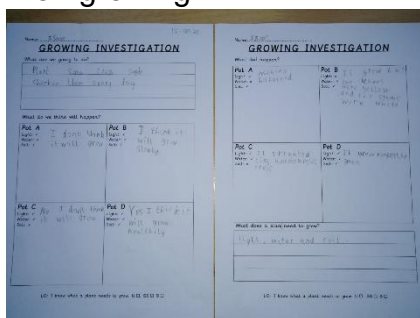
### Easimaths Champs

The following top scorers of this week's Easimaths are: Chloe (Moonstone) with 785 points, John (Opal) with 2255 points and the top scorer from Year 2 is Finlay (Amethyst) with 1145 points.



### Wonderful Work

Well done to all of the children busy working at home and in school. Well done to Isaac for his wonderful work on growing.



We would also like to share Sapphire class' collage of the Gruffalo and Ernie's picture too.



### Year 2 Transition Days

It has been lovely to welcome back some children from Topaz class for their transition days. Lots of smiley faces and chatty children. We have

missed them, but at least we are all having a chance to say good-bye. I know that we will see them in the juniors in September, even if over the fence in the playground.

### Plea for Help

Reception staff were wondering if there were any parents who were able to source us some tree stumps and logs (suitable for developing balancing skills), or if anyone has any links to somewhere we could get some. Also, over lockdown we know that lots of children have been learning to ride bikes or progressed to larger bikes, if there are any bikes or balance bikes sitting abandoned in garages (suitable for 3-5 year olds) we would be really grateful for donations. We are able to get them safety checked and repaired if needed.

Our Early Years outside areas are undergoing lots of improvement works and we have some small building projects (making small wooden dens/low climbing platforms/planting boxes - all of which can be carried out at home) we would love some help with, if anyone has got the skills and time to help us out?

Please contact the infant school if you are able to help out with any of the above. Learning outside is a huge passion for us and is particularly important during the current climate.

Many thanks,

Mrs Holroyd  
Early Years Lead

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### End of Term Arrangements

We would be extremely grateful if you would return all school library books, maths' challenge cards and games, reading books and record books to school before the end of term. They can be left in the box provided at the school office from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure your child's name is on the returned items eg: on a piece of paper tucked inside.

If your child has any items left in school you would like to collect, including work books, please contact the office to arrange to pick them up from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Items can be picked up and dropped off between the hours of 9.15am - 2.30pm, this will avoid drop off and pick up times.

### Food Vouchers

We have sent out, by post or email, the free school meal vouchers for week's beginning 6.7.20, 13.7.20 and 20.7.20. I am in the process of ordering the free school meals vouchers for all eligible children for the summer break. The government is giving each child a voucher for £90.00 to cover the entire period. These will be the last vouchers set as all children are expected to return to school in September.

### Good Hygiene

Remember that good hygiene rules are still very important in keeping us all safe.

Handwashing still plays a key role in protecting yourself and others from coronavirus.

- Wash your hands more often
- Use soap and water for 20 seconds
- Or use hand sanitiser

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### Library Opening

I am pleased to announce that Braintree library will be open again from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This is a great opportunity to borrow books and encourage your child to read a wide variety of genres. Check out their website for more details.

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/library-locations-and-opening-times/braintree-library/>

### Contact Us

Keep up to date with the latest news on our website at [www.gbins.co.uk](http://www.gbins.co.uk)  
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