



# Great Bradfords

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

### Celebration Awards Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Hawk	Curtis, Olivia
Eagle	Kasey, James
Kestrel	Leila, Ethan
Swift	Kaydee, Harry
Owl	Jack, Shania
Wagtail	Alan, Ben
Kingfisher	Ruby
Robin	Oliver
Woodpecker	Marcel
Puffin	Holly, Ezra

### Road Safety Competition

It was too difficult to pick one winner from the fantastic entrees so I chose three. The banner will comprise elements from each of the entrees. Congratulations to Franciszek (Eagle), Esmé (Owl) and Julia (Swift).

### Christmas Lunch

Last chance to book your child's school Christmas lunch on Arbor. It is free. We need to give numbers to the junior kitchen. Thank you.



### Festive Jumpers Save the Children

Children may wear seasonal jumpers on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This is the same day as Christmas lunch in school. They do not need to wear school uniform but must wear sensible footwear. We will be collecting money

on the gate, should you wish to donate to Save the Children.

### Non-Uniform Day 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 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please start collecting items, which can be brought in to school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. This will be a non-uniform day. Items need to be new! Thank you.

**Nursery and Reception – yellow**

**Year 1 – blue**

**Year 2 – red**

### Year 2 Phonics Results

Now that all of the children in year 2 have completed their phonics screening, I can confirm that our results were 85.5% pass compared to the National average of 2019 of 82%.

### 100 Whizzy Words

Well done to Ella (Woodpecker) for learning her first 100 whizzy words. I wonder who will be next.

### Writing Celebration Wall

The display in the library celebrates children's effort and achievement in writing across the school. We are not able to invite you in to see the chosen pieces of work but we will send a copy of their writing home so your child can share it with you. The chosen writing this time belongs to: Kyan (Hawk), Joshua C



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(Eagle), Valton (Kestrel), Autumn (Swift), Lucas (Owl), Skyla-Rose (Wagtail), Fearne (Kingfisher), Elijah (Robin) and Nancy (Woodpecker). Well done everyone.

### Attendance

Kingfisher class had the best attendance this week of 98.3%. The classes with 100% punctuality were Woodpecker and Eagle. Well done everyone.



### Tidy Classroom

Wagtail class has been the tidiest this week. Well done.



### Rocket Points

**Purple** rocket team were the winners this week with **146** smiley faces. Encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

### Spring 2021 30 hours Extended Funding for Working Parents RECONFIRMATIONS

Parents of children who are eligible for the extended funding of 30 hours need to apply **NOW** if your funding code is due to expire in December 2020. You will only have until the end of December to complete reconfirmations to HMRC for the Extended hours. Parents may reconfirm from 4 weeks before the Eligible to Date. Failure to complete the application or reconfirmation before the HMRC deadline, 31/12/2020, will mean that you will not be able to claim the Extended Hours for the Spring term

and will have to wait until the following term. You will, however, still be able to claim the 15 universal hours.

Codes for the Spring Term must be dated Eligible from on or before 31/12/2020.

### NEW APPLICATIONS – NEW STARTERS

We would advise parents to make new applications for the Spring term to HMRC **NOW**. This will allow time for you to prove your finances before the HMRC cut-off date of 31/12/2020.

Failure to submit the necessary evidence before 31/12/2020 will mean the code issued will not be valid for the Autumn term. **If you leave the HMRC applications/reconfirmations until the end of December, then it may be too late.** Failure to complete the application or reconfirmation before the HMRC deadline, 31/12/2020, will mean that you will not be able to claim the Extended Hours for the Spring term and will have to wait until the following term. You will, however, still be able to claim the 15 universal hours.

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Codes dated Eligible from 01/01/2021 or later will not be eligible for the Spring Term.

- Parents can apply at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)
- The contact number for HMRC is 0300 123 4097

### Reception Starters 2021

If your child will be starting reception in 2021 then you will need to apply for a

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school place online. If you are in our nursery and want to come to our school, you will still need to apply online. Applications opened on 9<sup>th</sup> November and all applications need to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

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

### All Year 2 Parents/Carers

Your child will be moving to year 3 in September 2021. To secure a year 3 place at the juniors you need to apply online. Applications opened on 9<sup>th</sup> November and close 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Don't forget to apply for their school place at:

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

### Contacting The Office

If you have any questions or queries please contact staff by email

[admin@gbins.co.uk](mailto:admin@gbins.co.uk) or phone **01376 326891**. The office staff are available to talk to from 8.00am to 4.00pm. Thank you.

### Family Support

Sharon is available Mon- Thursday between 7.45am-4pm. Parents/carers are welcome to email her on [Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk](mailto:Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk). She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

Diary Dates		
9.11.20 to 15.1.21	Apply for a Reception place for Sept 2021	Day
9.11.20 to 15.1.21	Apply for Year 3 place for Sept 2021	Day
7.12.20	Non Uniform Day Bring a gift for the Rainbow Hamper	Day
9.12.20	Christmas lunch for reception, Year 1 and Year 2	
9.12.20	Christmas/seasonal Jumper Day – collection for Save the Children	Day
18.12.20	Break Up for Christmas	
4.1.21	Back to School	

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