



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Celebration Awards Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Hawk	Ava, Margaret
Eagle	Annabelle, Teddy
Kestrel	Rose, Darren
Swift	Whole class, Brody
Owl	Reggie, Rosie
Wagtail	Seth, Alan
Kingfisher	Whole class
Robin	Ayman
Woodpecker	Ayla-Rose

## Welcome Back



At last, we are all back together! School just isn't school without our wonderful children. They have all settled back in to their classes and are busy catching up with their learning. Well done to all of our parents and carers for the amazing home learning you have been supporting your children with. We appreciate what a challenge it can be, but your children will have benefited enormously from your support. Please help us to keep everyone safe and stay open by:

- Staying home and having a test if your child or someone in the household has symptoms of Covid

- Wearing a face covering when coming into the playground.
- Maintaining a two metre distance from others wherever possible
- Not arriving in school earlier than necessary to drop off or pick up
- Follow the one way system

## World Book Day

A little later than expected but just as much fun! It was great to see so many children dressing up or bringing in props linked to a favourite book. They have been doing lots of book related activities over the last two weeks and today have enjoyed talking about their chosen books. Well done to all of the adults for helping the children to take part.



## 100 Whizzy Words

Well done to all of the children that have learnt to read their 100 whizzy words: Teddy (Robin), Ella and Marguerite (Woodpecker). I am certain that we will have lots of children achieving this over the coming weeks.

## School Covid Hotline

If your child is unwell with symptoms of Covid and/or tests positive for Covid you must let the school know as soon

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as possible. We need to contact other parents in their contact bubble so that their child can self-isolate. Please contact the school office on **01376326891** or email [admin@gbins.co.uk](mailto:admin@gbins.co.uk) during office hours: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm. If you need to notify us about a Covid case outside of these hours, please phone **07876135471**. This phone will not respond to any other concerns or queries. Thank you.

## Arbor

Nearly everyone is using our school Arbor App. Please go on to check and update your contact details. Some parents have said they are not receiving text messages and/or emails and then when they check they realise they have not told us of a change of number. It is important all information is kept up to date. In the event of an emergency we would have extreme difficulty getting hold of you.



## Attendance

Owl class had the best attendance this week at 99%. The classes with 100% punctuality were Robin, Kingfisher, Woodpecker, Owl, Swift, Eagle and Kestrel. Well done everyone, keep it up.



## Tidy Classroom

Puffin class has been the tidiest this week. Well done to our youngest children.



## Rocket Points

**Green** and **Red** rocket teams were the joint winners this week with **108** smiley faces. Encourage your children to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

## Reception Starters 2021

All parents and carers should have applied to Essex Admissions for a place in reception for September 2021. School place offers will be emailed on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. If you do not receive an email login to your account to find out which school your child has been offered. If you have forgotten to apply contact Essex Admissions immediately on 0345603200.

## Junior School Places

All parents and carers should have applied to Essex Admissions for a place in Year three for September 2021. School place offers will be emailed on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. If you do not receive an email login to your account to find out which school your child has been offered. If you have forgotten to apply contact Essex Admissions immediately on 0345603200.

## Water Bottles

Please would you provide your child with a bottle of water every day. It should be clearly labelled with their name. I ask that you put water and not juice in these bottles as children often spill them or they drip/leak and this causes a problem for us. We end up with sticky areas on tables and floors

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which in turn leads to us having problems with ants. Thank you.

## Parking

We have received a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking during drop off and pick up. If you drive to school, please give yourself time to find a sensible place to park and walk in to school. Police have already been giving out parking tickets to some drivers. Please be respectful to local residents and avoid parking in their allocated spaces or blocking driveways. No cars should stop at the front of the school and let their child 'jump out'. Help to keep everyone safe and happy.

## Breakfast Club

I am delighted to inform you that our breakfast club will be reopening on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Priority will be given to parents and carers that need this club in order to get to work. You will need to book and pay in advance. More information will be provided next week.

## Census 2021

Census Day is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March. You can complete your census online at <https://census.gov.uk/> or use this site to request a paper copy. If you would like help completing your census First Stop Centre Braintree has been chosen and is available to support people to fill in their census online.

You will need to book an appointment with them on 01376 346535 and bring:

- The letter containing the code you have received through the post
- The month and year you arrived in the UK (if not born here)
- Your previous address if moved within the last 12 months.

You will also need to know the following information:

- Date of birth
- Qualifications held
- Employer details of current or last job
- Country of issue of passports held by those in household

## School Times / PE Days

Please see below for a reminder of school drop off and pick up times as well as PE days. Children should come to school in PE kits on PE days. Please ensure any jumpers worn over the top are school jumpers.

Class	Drop off times	Pick up times
Puffin (nursery)	8.45 – 9.00am	3.00 - 3.10pm
Kingfisher	8.40 – 9.00am	2.45pm
Robin	8.40 – 9.00am	2.55pm
Woodpecker	8.40 – 9.00am	3.05pm
Wagtail	8.45 – 8.50am	2.55 - 3.00pm
Owl	8.50 – 8.55am	3.00 - 3.05pm
Swift	8.55 – 9.00am	3.05 - 3.10pm

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Kestrel	8.45 – 8.50am	2.55 - 3.00pm
Eagle	8.50 – 8.55am	3.00 - 3.05pm
Hawk	8.55 – 9.00am	3.05 - 3.10pm

Class	PE days
Woodpecker	Monday
Robin	Thursday
Kingfisher	Wednesday
Wagtail	Tuesday & Thursday
Owl	Wednesday & Friday
Swift	Tuesday & Thursday
Kestrel	Monday & Wednesday
Eagle	Monday & Friday
Hawk	Tuesday & Friday

Diary Dates		
26.3.21	Last day of term	
29.3.21 to 9.4.21	Easter Holidays	
12.4.21	Back to school	
12.4.21	Breakfast Club reopens	7.30am
22.4.21	Governor Zoom meeting	6.00pm
28.4.21	Class photos	Day
3.5.21	Bank Holiday	
20.5.21	Governor Zoom meeting	6.00pm
28.5.21	Non Pupil Day	Day
31.5.21 to 4.6.21	Half Term	
7.6.21	Back to school	
8.7.21	Governor Zoom meeting	6.00pm
21.7.21	Last day of term	

## 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**. Thank you.

## Family Support

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

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