



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Celebration Awards Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Hawk	Charlie, Jonathan
Eagle	Amber, Lily-Rose
Kestrel	Eli, Amya-Mai
Swift	Buddy, Hollie
Owl	Skyla, Sophia
Wagtail	Nicholas, Archie
Kingfisher	Darcy
Robin	Mason
Woodpecker	Ajer

## Class Assemblies

We have started putting class assemblies back in the diary for parents and carers to come and see. Drop your child in to class and then walk round to the office. The doors will open at approximately 9.00am for you to find a seat at the back of the hall where you will be able to sample some of the learning that has gone on in class. Assemblies last approximately 20 minutes. Obviously, we do ask that you only attend if you are well enough to do so. If you display **ANY** of the Covid 19 symptoms: temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste/smell, then you must not come to school and instead book a PCR test.

## Phonic Workshops

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for an information meeting followed by a stay and learn session in class this week. We have had lots of positive feedback from those who attended. If you want further advice or guidance please do not hesitate to

speaking to your child's teacher in person or via Tapestry or Dojo. They are always happy to help.

## No Sweets

New legislation has been introduced to provide further protection to allergy sufferers who order and buy foods that are 'prepacked for direct sale' (PPDS) to give them more confidence in the food they buy.

It came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and is commonly referred to as Natasha's Law after the tragic death of Natasha Ednan-Laperouse, who had an allergic reaction after eating a filled baguette which did not carry full ingredient and allergen labelling at the time.

In order to better protect our children and in a bid to encourage healthy lifestyle choices, we have decided to stop sweets and cakes being shared with classes when a child has a birthday. This will begin from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Instead we are happy for them to have a mini show & tell in class where they can share one of their gifts or something they may be doing to celebrate their birthday or they may even like to bring a favourite book to school to share with their class. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

## Playground Toys & Games

Trying to find equipment for lots of children to use outside during the winter months is often quite a



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challenge. If you have any unwanted dolls, large trucks and cars, hoopla games or any other items you think may be of use, we would greatly appreciate them in school. Items do need to be in good condition and fairly robust as they will be played with by a lot of children!



## PTFA

When you join our school you are an automatic member of the Parent, Teachers and Friends Association. The PTFA organises lots of fundraising activities for both the infant school and the junior school. Through their support we have been able to develop a wonderful school library, improve the outdoor environment in both the nursery and reception playgrounds and more recently contribute to the purchase and installation of our mini MUGA. Our current Chairperson, Helena Stewart, would like to welcome all of you to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm. This meeting will be held in the Junior school bungalow.

## Reading After School

Don't forget to sign up to come and read with your child after school on a Tuesday. The doors will open to parents and carers at 2.55pm, if you are joining your child in class. If you have children in other classes we will collect them and bring them to you if you let us know on the class sign-up sheets.

## Choir

We are delighted to announce that our choir will be singing at Market Place, Braintree Town Centre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm. They will be part of the Braintree Christmas Light switch on organised by Braintree Council. I hope you will all be able to go along and cheer our children on.



## Tesco Blue Token Scheme

Don't forget to pop a token in the box to support our school. All four local Tesco stores have our name on the collection box.



## School Open Day

This year we will be holding a **School Open Day** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 2.00pm for families with a child who is due to start reception in September 2022. This will be an opportunity for all families to come and have a look around our reception classes and meet staff prior to applying for a school place to start in September 2022. **Please let family, friends and neighbours know so they can come along too. No need to book.**

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## Nursery Stay & Play

It was great to welcome lots of parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles to our nursery stay and play. Don't worry if you missed it or even if you would like to come again as there are more dates to come.

Date	Time
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.45-10.15am
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.30-1.45pm
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	8.45-10.15am
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	12.30-1.45pm

## Writing Celebration Wall

There is a display in the library celebrating children's efforts and achievements in writing across the school.



The chosen pieces of writing belong to: Chloe (Kestrel), Reggie (Eagle), Jonathan (Hawk), Oliver (Swift), Dave (Owl), Oliver (Wagtail), Antoni (Robin), Bella (Kingfisher) and Shakira (Woodpecker). Well done everyone.

## Parking

Please respect local residents and avoid parking across driveways. Thank you.

## Parent/Carer Evenings

If your child is in year 1 or 2 you are now able to book a time to meet with your child's class teacher. Please go on to Arbor to book. We offer 10 minute appointments with the teacher as well as time to look through your child's work in books. It is very important that

you book a slot so your child sees that you are interested in what they learn in school.

## School Library

Remember to come along to borrow books from the school library on a Monday after school. Entry via Eagle class. If you are not able to make that day it is also open to the children at lunch time on a Tuesday and Thursday.



## Harvest

I will be taking our harvest donations to the Braintree Food Bank on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to contribute then please bring your donation in to school and give it to class teachers or place on the table outside the office. Thank you for your support.



### We urgently need:

- Washing up liquid
- Washing detergent (gel form if possible please)
- Juice (1L please)
- Deodorant
- Custard (tinned or packet)
- Sponge puddings

### Needed to maintain stocks:

- Long life milk (1L please)
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned fruit
- Instant mash
- Chocolate
- Baby wipes

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Shampoo/conditioner  
Shower gel  
Sugar (500g please)

### Attendance

Robin class had the best attendance this week of 97.4%. The classes with 100% punctuality were Robin, Kingfisher, Swift and Hawk. Well done everyone.

### Tidy Classroom

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



### Rocket Points

Orange rocket team were the winners again this week with **194** smiley faces. Please encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

### Family Support

Sharon McCormick is our Home/School Liaison Worker. If you are struggling with your child's behaviour at home; bedtimes and mornings are a nightmare; your child is a fussy eater or struggles to leave you at school time, then Sharon may be able to help. She is available to support any parent/carers who may need advice or support. She can also help with other issues affecting families for example: divorce, separation, bereavement, housing issues and benefits. If she cannot help you personally, then she can refer to more specialised services who will be expert in their field. Sharon is available Monday - Wednesday 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.

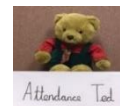
Alternatively, come to one of her drop in sessions in school between 8.00am

and 9.00am on one of the following Mondays:

18<sup>th</sup> October

8<sup>th</sup> November

6<sup>th</sup> December



Diary Dates		
13.10.21	PTFA AGM + meeting in Junior bungalow	7.00pm
15.10.21	Kestrel Class assembly – parents & carers invited	9.10-9.30am
16.10.21	School Open Day for Reception 2022 starters	10.00am-2.00pm
18.10.21	Governor Finance Meeting	6.30pm
20.10.21 & 21.10.21	Parent/Carer Meetings for children in years 1 and 2 (10 minute appointments)	3.30 – 6.30pm
22.10.21	Owl Class assembly – parents & carers invited	9.10-9.30am
25.10.21 to 29.10.21	Half Term	
1.11.21	Non-Pupil Day	Day

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10.11.21	Governor Finance Training	6.00-8.00pm
12.11.21	Hawk Class assembly – parents & carers invited	9.10-9.30am
19.11.21	Woodpecker Class assembly – parents & carers invited	9.10-9.30am
25.11.21	Governor Curriculum Meeting	6.30pm
7.12.21	Year 1 Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM
8.12.21	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
9.12.21	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
17.12.21	Last day of term	

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