



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Celebration Awards Friday 7th January 2022

Hawk	Freya, Zoe
Eagle	Chloe, Rhys
Kestrel	Joshua W, Hayden
Swift	Joshua, Kacper
Owl	Scarlett, Ella
Wagtail	Ruby, Emmanuel
Kingfisher	River
Robin	Anthony
Woodpecker	Penelope
Puffin	Herlin, Frank

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back to school this week. They have been very keen to share what they have been up to over the holiday period and the lovely gifts they have received. We are looking forward to a very busy Spring term, packed with exciting learning opportunities.

Circus Skills Workshop

Mrs Chittenden and Miss Frisby booked an exciting circus skills workshop for the children this week. They had great fun watching Steve the Juggler and learning many new skills. We have ordered lots of different equipment so as soon as it arrives the children will be



able to practice what they have learnt on the playground.

Starting Reception Sept 2022

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they will be starting school in September 2022.

You must apply online for your child's reception school place.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Moving to Year 3 Sept 2022

The junior school admission round closes on the **15th January**. Please make sure you have applied for your child's Year 3 place.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

After School Clubs

All clubs begin again next week. Please note there are no clubs week beginning 7th February due to Parent meetings.

Golden Table

Every week our Middy Assistants choose one child from each class that has demonstrated a chosen value during the week. These children are presented with a golden badge, go in to lunch first, and join either Mrs Farr or Mrs Easton for lunch on the Golden Table. The children are always very excited to be chosen and chat with us at lunchtime.



Through challenge, fun and friendship, being the best we can be.

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Attendance

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



Tidy Classroom

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

Rocket Points

Orange rocket team were the winners this week with **136** smiley faces. Please encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

Close the Vocabulary Gap

National research has highlighted a children's vocabulary gap, which suggests children aren't exposed to enough rich language through reading, stories and conversations. We have started introducing the children to an exciting word everyday. This is something for you to get involved with too through our whole school **Word of the Week** and **Question of the week**. They will be shared with the children on a Friday and with you via the newsletter, so please discuss both with them over the weekend. Share your answer to the question and try and incorporate the word into a sentence; modelling its use. We appreciate your support with this and look forward to the discussions we'll have in school with the children.

This week's Word of the Week is:

Stamina

This week's Question of the Week is:

What are you hoping to achieve this year?

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. 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:

11th January

8th February

8th March

29th March

26th April

24th May

21st June

19th July

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Diary Dates		
14.1.22	Police Officer visiting reception classes	AM
19.1.22	Gripping Yarns Storyteller visiting reception classes	AM
20.1.22	Governor Finance meeting	6.30pm
28.1.22	Eagle Class assembly – parents & carers invited	9.10-9.30am
31.1.22	Nursery Stay & Play	8.45-1.15am
31.1.22	Nursery Stay & Play	12.30-1.45pm
3.2.22	Nursery Stay & Play	8.45-1.15am
3.2.22	Nursery Stay & Play	12.30-1.45pm
4.2.22 to 10.2.22	Travelling Book Fair in school hall	3.00pm
7.2.22	Safer Internet Day	Day
9.2.22	Parents Evening for Years 1 & 2	3.30-6.30pm
10.2.22	Parents Evening for Years 1 & 2	3.30-6.30pm
11.2.22	Owl display in hall	AM
14.2.22 to 18.2.22	Half Term	
25.2.22	Wagtail Class assembly – parents & carers invited	9.10-9.30

28.2.22	Governor Curriculum meeting	6.30pm
3.3.22	World Book Day	Day
11.3.22	Drumming workshop	Day
14.3.22	Non-Pupil Day	
19.3.22	Comic Relief	
21.3.22	Nursery Stay & Play	8.45-1.15am
21.3.22	Nursery Stay & Play	12.30-1.45pm
25.3.22	Nursery Stay & Play	8.45-1.15am
25.3.22	Nursery Stay & Play	12.30-1.45pm
1.4.22	Break up for Easter	3.00pm
4.4.22 to 18.4.22	Easter Holidays	
19.4.22	Back to school	8.45am

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