



NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I began to write this last week towards the end of our second week at school after half term. It was also the weekend of Remembrance Sunday and I am pleased to write that Great Bradfords Junior School were represented at the annual remembrance Service in the Memorial Gardens and two of our year 6 pupils laid a wreath on the school's behalf. Grateful thanks go to Finley Hughes and Emma Kohn who were our ambassadors for the event, and to Mrs Shead and Mrs Dickens who accompanied them.

We are also supporting the nationwide Children in Need charity today and, as always it was great to see so many children in pyjamas/onesies or something spotty to school. Of course, those who managed to wear spotty pyjamas won some extra house points. The children always enjoy this day and we try to take a whole school photo during assembly that day which we will post on the school website.

We have also started our run of curriculum mornings and the first was very well received, with the second one this morning. I hope that the rest are as popular as the first carried out by years 5 and 3 for mathematics, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Best wishes,

Fiona Dorey
Headteacher



Admissions for September 2019

If you have a child in Year 2 you may be aware, from previous communications, that the process for Year 2 to 3 transfers has changed for Year 3 admissions into junior schools for September 2019; parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application to the Council and can do so via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The junior admission round opens on **Monday 12 November 2018**, for parents of children to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

If you know anyone who is looking for a year 3 place and not already at Great Bradfords Infant School, we are holding some open mornings/afternoons so that new parents can come and look around before making their mind up. Please do spread the word amongst your friends. Our admissions are not restricted to the children of Great Bradfords Infant School. Details are on our school website.



In a vain attempt to reunite more of our lost property with their rightful owners, we have decided to move the lost property to the reception area. There are storage boxes (on wheels) under the counter opposite the doors and a box on top for 'lost' water bottles and lunch boxes. In this way, we are making it more accessible for parents. It is also hopeful that less of the Year 3 cloakroom items will end up in Lost Property too.

Of course the best way to reunite that jumper or lunch box with your child is to name it!

Books for sale

When Miss Simmons asked for good quality books for a sale in the Summer Term, she was overwhelmed with the response. We have several leftover and so we have decided to put them out in the Reception (just by the door) to sell. They are in a purple box and the money can be left with the Office staff.

All funds raised will go towards other new reading books or dictionaries for the children to use in school.



Sports Events:

We now have a new tab on our school website which is just for Sports. For those of you with sporty children keep an eye open for postings and photos of local competitions that your children take part in.

Hopefully we may be able to post some of the match reports from the children in future.



Harvest Festival Contributions:

We would like to thank all of you who kindly donated something towards our annual collection for the Food Bank. This is something that we have started to do each year at Harvest Time to remember those who are not fortunate enough to have as much food as others. You will see a photo below of the amount of food collected by each house and you will see that Henry House collected the most.



Remembrance Sunday:

As mentioned above we were very proudly represented by two of our Year 6 pupils who laid a wreath at the memorial service which took place at the memorial gardens in Braintree. Here they are with the wreath.



Dates for Your Diary

21st November	Open Afternoon for September 2019 intake
23rd November	Non-Pupil Day
26th November	Open Morning for September 2019 intake
29th November	Open Afternoon for September 2019 intake
30th November	Curriculum Morning - Yr 6 mathematics
5th December	Open Morning for September 2019 intake
7th December	Flu vaccinations School discos
11th December	Year 3 Christmas Performances Afternoon and Evening
12th December	Christmas Dinner Year 3 Christmas Performance - Evening
13th December	Open Afternoon for September 2019 intake
14th December	Curriculum Morning - Yr 4 mathematics

Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April

Half Term: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February

7th January	Curriculum Morning - Yr 6 writing
11th January	Curriculum Morning - Yr 4 writing
18th January	Curriculum Morning - Yr 5 writing
29th January	Choir visit to Young Voices at the O2 Arena
8th February	Curriculum Morning - Yr 3 writing
12th February	Visit from the Star Dome
12th March	Class Photos
15th March	Year 6 visit to Warner Bros Studios - Harry Potter

“Drop In” sessions with Sharon McCormick (Family Liaison Worker)

Junior School – 17th December

Infant School – 6th December

Parents may attend Drop In sessions at either school.

Sharon is able to offer advice and support on many aspects of family life, including behaviour management strategies, home/school communication and support, or contact with other services. Alternatively, Sharon can be contacted via 01376 552393 or sharon@lyonshall.essex.sch.uk