



December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have started to write this newsletter as the first of our Christmas events is on: the discos. It is very loud! That just goes to show my age, I feel. I must give credit to the adults who are helping Mrs Shead and who don't seem to mind the volume. The children are certainly enjoying themselves. Once again we must also thank Mrs Shead for organising the discos and other events for the children each week such as the Golden Envelope.

One of the things that gets done each year by Mrs Shead and some of the children is our school Christmas Card. The master is hanging in the Reception area if you would like to see it. Each year she seems to surpass the year before with her ideas and designs created from the children's work.

As we draw to the end of the Autumn Term and look forward to the holiday, it is also a time to reflect on everything that has already been achieved in this academic year. It doesn't seem to be two minutes since we welcomed the children back in September and since the new year 3 children joined us and now they are already putting on their first performance with their Christmas Play. We have had a few visitors to the school recently and it always makes me proud to show them round and to see how much learning is going on and how well behaved and focussed the children are in their lessons. There is some very impressive work being produced.

I will close by wishing you all a restful and peaceful holiday and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Thursday 3rd January.

Best wishes,

Fiona Dorey
Headteacher

PTFA Christmas Fete:

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising and running such a successful Christmas Fete. Also an even bigger thank you to all those of you who made the time and effort to come to the fete. A whopping £1,340 was raised and once again the Rainbow Hampers were very popular. This was a spectacular amount.



Eat Well for Less:

You may have seen the TV programme 'Eat Well for Less'.

We have been contacted by the makers of the programme with the following message:

Eat Well For Less?

'EAT WELL FOR LESS?' IS BACK AND BBC ONE ARE LOOKING FOR HOUSEHOLDS TO TAKE PART!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop spiralling out of control?

- Perhaps you're desperate to save but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?
- Do your health requirements affect your diet? Are you in need of some new inspiration?
- Are you battling with fussy eaters, repetitive uninspiring meals and food shopping chaos?
- Or maybe you are just bored of buying and cooking the same foods every week?

We're looking for households who want to find out when to spend on food and when to save...

Get in touch to apply or to find out more!

Call: 0117 970 7670

Email: eatwell@rdftelevision.com

Facebook - www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess

Twitter - @EatWellForLess

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Instagram/YouTube/Fortnite:

We know that many of the children who have a smart phone use Instagram.

On the EST E Safety Training page on Facebook, I read recently about how children are approached through Instagram suggesting that they could be a model which results in 'grooming'.

They also had some information and advice about very popular games that children play regularly including Fortnite and ROBLOX.

As well as these popular games they are aware of how many children watch and use YouTube regularly (instead of watching TV) and have some guidance about settings and controls to ensure your children are not accessing unsuitable or inappropriate material. This includes information on the 'live streaming' facility in You Tube which is being used by many youngsters.

I would urge you all to follow this page as it is run by the 2 Johns who have been to school and worked with the children and is full of sensible and practical advice.

What happens to our Lost Property?

Although we make every effort to get the lost property back to the children (and it is always easier when it is named) there is always a large amount at the end of each term that stays behind. Well, the clothes that are unable to be reunited with their owners are often collected by Mrs Morris and given to less fortunate children in other countries.

Here are some pictures of just some of the stuff we have given:





Please Join the PTFA Facebook Page

Did you know the PTFA have a Facebook page?

It has recently been revamped and aims to be a source of information for all the events and fundraising efforts run by the PTFA. There's lots in the pipeline and we're hoping to make it an exciting space to make it easy for you to keep up with what the PTFA are doing. Please take a look at the page and 'Like' it to be kept up to date! Search '**Great Bradfords PTFA**' or click

<https://www.facebook.com/greatbradfordspfta>

Make sure you follow the PTFA on Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest happenings and events.

Tree Planting:

I would like to extend a THANK YOU to Mrs Johnson and her husband, who have been working on clearing the allotments and grounds this term and last term. A couple of weeks ago they came to plant loads of trees for us, which we had been given from a charity. They were helped, on this occasion, by a couple of year 6 children on a beautiful sunny afternoon. We are very grateful to Mr & Mrs Johnson for giving up their time to come into school and do this work.



Diary Dates

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

Summer Term 2019: Tuesday 23rd April - Wednesday 24th July

Half Term: Tuesday 28th May- Friday 31st May

(Non-pupil day 24th May)

7th May Yr 5 West Stow visit

8th May Yr 3 visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills

13-16 May Yr 6 SATs test

23rd May Yr 6 Visit to Walton-on-the-Naze

24th May Non-Pupil Day

10th June Yr 4 Visit to The Wilderness Foundation Chatham Green

11th June Yr 5 Road Safety Walks

19th July End of Year Discos

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

Junior School – 17th December

