



# GREAT BRADFORDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and action-packed Summer Term.

I am writing today with just one main focus and that is to let you know all about our new Library.

Your children may have come home today talking to you about this. During the holidays many of the teaching staff gave up their own holiday time to refurbish and reorganise the Library. This has been the brainchild of Miss Simmons and we must give her full credit for her organisation and motivation of everyone and everything during the holidays, in order that we do not disrupt the children's access to the Library for longer than necessary.

For organisational reasons we have not allowed the children to access the Library and change books today – this is because there are some decorations that need finishing and we need to get the returning books categorised and filed away accurately. We apologise for this, but it will only be for today and the children will be able to visit the Library and choose new books tomorrow. They will also be able to get their first view of what the finished room will look like.

We are arranging for an official opening of the Library, to which we have invited a guest author, our local MP, James Cleverley, and our previous Essex Librarian, Norma, and others guests. This will take place when everything is finished and some of our children will also be invited to represent the classes. Then we will open the doors for all of you to come and see if you wish, or you can always see when we have our School on Show event towards the end of term.

Obviously, there has been some expenditure for this project, although we have managed to keep the majority of costs down. Mr Saunders, our Caretaker, has carried out most of the carpentry and building works and, as I wrote above, the teaching staff have emptied the Library, decorated it and reorganised the Library. Mr Asbridge contributed the very large books outside the Library (all will become clear when you see). We have some very artistic staff!

This means that we still have some things to buy, including more books and furniture for the Library and Miss Simmons has been fundraising through selling books and other means, but the money has now run out. So, we have decided to launch a fundraising event which we hope all children can contribute to as much or as little as they like. This is going to be a Penny Race.

The idea is that each class has a large empty jar (like a sweet jar) and the children have been asked to collect any loose change to fill it. Then on 22<sup>nd</sup> May we will get each class to line up their coins in the playground. There will be a trophy for the class with the longest line of coins. We will also record how many coins (not amount) the children put into the jar so that they can lay these out in the race line on the day.

Please be assured that we have told the children that they must not beg for coins but must ask if there is any loose change they can bring into school. We have also suggested that, if they have it, they may wish to contribute a few coins from their own pocket money.

We hope that this will provide a fun and inclusive approach to fundraising that will include all children and not be too onerous for you as parents and carers and that you will find this a fun way to support the children and the school to finish the Library for the use and benefit of all.

Best wishes,

Fiona Dorey  
Headteacher

## **GBJS PENNY RACE 2019**

**Will your class  
win the race and be the first to  
raise the GBJS trophy?**



**Kindly collect any spare change in  
your money bag and bring it into  
school over the next few weeks!**

**Race Date: Wednesday 22nd May**

**Monies raised will pay for furniture  
for our newly renovated library!**