



# Bradwell C E (C) Infant School

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**With faith, we care, share and learn together.**

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Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for joining us in our Harvest Celebration on Wednesday, and for your generous donations in the Harvest Boxes. They will shortly be delivered to The Archer Project at Sheffield Cathedral, where they will be greatly appreciated.

Parents Evening virtual appointments have been allocated (please ask at the gate if you need to know your time now). A link to join your meeting has been sent to you today, and we just hope the technology works for us. We will keep to time as the next appointment will need to be punctual. If you require more time after this meeting please let us know.

Next week we will discuss online safety with the children on Thursday and they will bring home a list of 5 adults who they can ask about any difficulty related to online activity.

On Friday we have a Wheels Day and road-safety refresher, and break-up for half-term.

We are currently in the process of adapting our reading practices to reflect the new Government directive to focus on a highly structured and prescriptive Phonic approach to reading. This has meant some delay in changing reading books as we sort out the correct books to use for home readers. We are investing heavily in new reading books to support these changes too. The system will feel different initially, particularly as reading books may be changed less frequently than before. We hope the provision of picture books from the classrooms will help to maintain a high level of enthusiasm for reading. Helping your child to recognise the phonemes and graphemes (sounds) used to sound-talk words will be a huge advantage to them as their reading develops. As will talking about the story after reading it and questioning why a character behaved as they did; this will aid your child's understanding.

As always, if you need a chat about anything at all, please let me or Mrs Moss know.

Geoff Wharton



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