



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Final Newsletter Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The newsletter will be circulated to all parents every Friday. Newsletters are also held centrally at the School Office and are on the website.

### 2017-2018 - What a Great Year!

What a wonderful year it has been, with so many things to be proud of and some fantastic memories. In assembly this afternoon we enjoyed looking at some photos of the year and the PowerPoint of this is available on the website.

I would like thank you, our parents, for supporting your child and the school this year. I feel that when we work in partnership the children achieve great things and make the best progress. I am proud of the progress that all of the children have made this year.

I would also like to thank all of our Governors who do so much behind the scenes making sure that things in the school run as they should. They give up lots of their evenings and free time to attend meetings and to make visits to school.

Our FOBS have been incredible this year. They have worked tirelessly fundraising for the children. They are increasing in numbers and I am delighted with all that the team have achieved. On behalf of all of the children and parents, thank you.

Of course, the backbone of our wonderful school is the staff. They are so incredibly dedicated to the children. Their commitment, high standards and high expectations have enabled the children to make excellent progress

again this year and we have another set of strong results.

They are an amazing group of people to work with. I think you can see how well we get along and how much we enjoy being in team GB!

### Year 6 Leavers

We were extremely sad to say goodbye to these amazing children today. Only 9 of them in the group and I can honestly say every one of them is a credit to our school and their parents.

It was an emotional assembly and we could not be any more proud of them. We wish Niamh, Charlotte, Phoebe, Brooke, Amelia, Grace, Daisy, William and Thomas lots of luck as they join their new secondary schools in September.

Look out for the Isle of Wight photos, which will be on the website soon, along with photos of our visit to Frinton.

### Summer works

We are really excited about some of the work that will be happening in school over the holidays. Already we have a lovely new fence thanks to your contributions to FOBS. The new fence has allowed us to extend our outside space for Reception...a new Unicorn meadow! We will also be able to start

Forest School in the new term for KS1, in this new enclosed area.

We will also be having the hall refurbished using ring-fenced funding from the sugar tax, and the Local Authority will be paying for our heating to be up-graded. Unfortunately, it does mean that we will not be able to open the pool as much as we normally do in the holidays. Keep an eye on your text messages and I will text any opening times.

### **The school garden and plants**

Many thanks to Faye and her mum (Theo in Dragons) for their hard work this week clearing up and maintaining the wildlife garden and pots around the school. Faye has set up a Just Giving page if you would like to help with this. All donations will come directly to the school.

### **Proms on the Playground**

Once again, this was a brilliant event. It was fantastic to see the children having fun and performing. We have some very talented children at Great Bardfield. We certainly had a diverse range of acts this year. Thanks to FOBS for doing such a brilliant job with organising the refreshments.

### **Things to do in the holidays**

Essex Libraries are running the Great Summer Read over the holiday. This is a free activity which will really encourage the children to get reading. The theme this year is, 'Mischievous Makers!'.  
  
We also sent a flyer out this week about a great event that is happening at Braintree Museum, 'Once upon a time in Braintree'.

Angela Boyle has also asked me to let you know that she will be running the

Toddler Group throughout the summer at the Playing Field on Wednesdays. Look out for more information on Bardfield Online Community Page.

It has been great to hear that park playtimes have been organised with some of our new children. We will have six new children joining the school in September so I am sure they will love being made so welcome.

### **New important dates next year**

You may already be thinking about next year's holidays. We have some key events happening and would ask that Year 6 children are present in school during these times.

Year 6 SATs will be during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. We will hold two morning revision sessions, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April during the Easter holidays.

Our Year 6 residential visit to The Isle of Wight will be the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> July. This is very late but availability next year was very limited. There will be an information meeting early in the autumn term.

### **Welcome BBQ**

We will be hosting our traditional Welcome BBQ on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. It is an opportunity to welcome everyone back to the new school year and to get to know our new Unicorn parents and children, and families who have joined the school in other year groups. Please save the date, as we would like to see as many people there as possible.

### **First day of the new term**

**We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Our Special End of Year awards go to:**

**Most improved pupil:**

**KS1- Luca R**

**KS2- Brooke**

**Shining example to the rest of the school:**

**KS1- Caspar**

**KS2- Phoebe L**

**Best Sports Person:**

**KS1- Charlotte K**

**KS2- Ollie R**

**Drama Award:**

**KS1-Eloise**

**KS2-Emelia**

**Outstanding Music Award:**

**Phoebe L**

**The Maisie Francis Award for Outstanding Student:**

**Niamh**

**School Ambassadors 2019:**

**Rosie W**

**Alfie**

**On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a great weekend.**

*Mrs Kerrell*