



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #1 Friday 7th September 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.

Welcome back

Welcome to the new school year everyone. What a tremendous start the children have made to the new year already! I would like to thank you for making sure that your child was so well prepared for school this week - it really makes a difference to their confidence.

It has been great to see the children looking very smart in their school uniforms. We have also received some amazing holiday homework which is making the classroom displays look fantastic! It is great to see that the children are already taking pride in their achievements.

School website and communication

The website is always the best place to visit if you have any questions. Hopefully the answers to any questions you have are on there but if not, Diane and Heather in the office are happy to help. If you do have a concern, then please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

As you know, I have full class teacher responsibility for Year 4/5 this year and I will still be fulfilling my role as Headteacher. I would therefore appreciate your support and understanding with the additional workload that I will have.

Should you wish to talk to me about any concerns, you are welcome to book an after school appointment with the office. Ten minute appointments will be available on Mondays,

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. If you send an email I will endeavour to answer these within 48 hours during the school week.

New Unicorns

We are so excited to welcome our new Unicorns to the school from Tuesday 11th September.

Please remember that it is mornings only next week for the new children. Mrs Atkinson, Miss Dunmow and Mrs Francis have loved visiting everyone for the home visits and would like to extend their thanks to parents who have made them so welcome.

Clubs

Our before and after school sports clubs will start again next week and will be run by Premier Sport.

We will offer a free Football Club on Wednesday mornings and a free Dance Club on Friday mornings for children who are in **Years 2-6**. Please book online at

<https://family.premier-education.com/courses?location=Great+Bardfield&hol=0&hol=1&eve=0&eve=1&exc=0&exc=1&day=0&day=1>

Our after School sports clubs will be Football on Wednesdays for **Year 1-6** children and Gymnastics for year **2-6** children. These can be booked and paid for on line at:

<https://family.premier-education.com/courses?location=Great+Bardfield&hol=0&hol=1&eve=0&eve=1&exc=0&exc=1&day=0&day=1>

The after school sports clubs will start straight after school and finish at 4.15pm. Please collect your child from the field if they are attending Football Club or from the hall if they are attending Gymnastics.

For safeguarding reasons, we ask that parents **bring** their child to the hall for early sports clubs at 8.00am (please do not drop your child at the gate). Parents should not remain on site when any club is taking place.

Details of teacher clubs will follow next week.

PE Kits

Sports lessons will start next week. Please make sure that your child has their labelled PE kit in school. Your child's class teacher will let you know when the children have PE.

Please make sure that long hair is tied back and off your child's face and earrings must be removed as we are unable to take out earrings or tape ears for health and safety reasons.

As the weather gets cooler we will still be going outside so it would be good if your child could bring a warm tracksuit for PE.

FOBS

We hope that you can make it along to the welcome BBQ on Sunday 16th September. The fun will start at 12 noon and will finish at 4pm. We are especially looking forward to welcoming our new parents to the BBQ and the new school year. We will also be opening the pool. We would be grateful if parents could send in some cakes on Friday 14th September or bring them along to the event on the 16th September.

We are very excited to be welcoming the circus back again. The Cirque Normandie will be at school during the week of 24th September.

There will then be performances on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September at 11am and 3pm. Tickets at £9 each can be booked online: www.circusnormandie.co.uk

FOBS will also be selling tickets every day after school, on the 15th September outside the Co-op, and at the Welcome BBQ.

FOBS will be holding their AGM at 7pm on Thursday 4th October. We need lots more volunteers so we hope that we will see lots of parents at the meeting. **Our new parents are very welcome.**

Healthy Snack and Water

Just a reminder that our Reception and Key Stage One children are provided with a healthy snack every day, as part of a Government scheme.

Children in Key Stage Two are welcome to bring their own healthy snack to school every day. This must be a piece of fruit or a vegetable. No crisps, chocolate or biscuits please.

Children should also have a refillable water bottle to bring to school every day.

Trips

Pixies and Dragons have had a letter this week with information about their visit to The Toy Museum, at Stansted Mountfitchet, next Tuesday 11th September. Please return your reply slip and make your payment online by Monday afternoon.

Leprechaun and Phoenix Class will be visiting The Imperial War Museum at Duxford on Thursday 4th October. We have also sent out an information letter about this trip.

Roald Dahl Day

On Friday 21st September we will be having Roald Dahl Day. We would like the children to come to school dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl Character please.

Music Lessons

We have guitar, ukulele and piano lessons available in school. The cost is £75 for ten lessons. If you would like your child to have music lessons, then please let the office know by Monday.

Bikeability

Our Year 6 children will take part in Bikeability on either the 15th and 16th October (Group A) or the 17th and 19th October (Group B).

An information letter will be given out shortly to tell Year 6 parents about what the children will need for the two days. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Macmillan Cancer

We will once again be holding our Great Bardfield Bake Off competition to raise money for **Macmillan Cancer**. The competition will be launched on Tuesday 11th September and entries should be brought in to school by 9.00am on Tuesday 18th September.

We will be holding a Macmillan cancer Coffee Morning in the hall, hosted by our Year 6 children, on the same day from 9.30am-10.30am. We do hope that you can come along and support this wonderful charity.

Home Learning Agreement

We have updated this and will be sending it home for you and your child to sign next week.

Please return your agreement to school by Friday 21st September.

School Dinners

We are continuing with the summer menu up to the 2nd November. We are on Week 2 of the summer menu next week.

Wet weather

Please make sure that your child has a waterproof with them if it looks like rain. We will still take the children out to play if there is light drizzle.

Assemblies

We will have our first Celebration Assembly next Friday 14th September

Please remember that our new Unicorns will not join us in Celebration Assembly until after half term.

Forthcoming Dates

Teachers met earlier this week and we have agreed the following dates for this term.

Monday 10th September

New Unicorns Open Door 1-3pm

Tuesday 11th September

First morning for our new Unicorns
KS1 visit to The Toy Museum

Sunday 16th September

Welcome BBQ 12-4pm

Monday 17th September

Mad Science Assembly (children only)

Tuesday 18th September

Great Bardfield Bake Off Competition
entries in by 9.00am

Macmillan Coffee Morning (hosted by
Year 6) 9.30am-10.30am

Monday 24th September

The Circus arrives this week.

Wednesday 26th September

Unicorn meeting for new parents
9.00am

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September

Circus performances at 11am and
3pm

Thursday 18th October

Harvest Festival 9.30am

Monday 22nd October

Half Term Holiday

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kerrell