



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter #21 Friday 9th February 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.

### Half Way....

It is hard to believe that we are already at the half way point in the school year. There have been lots of wonderful things so far and much to be proud of. The children are working incredibly hard and their half year assessments are showing that they are making good progress. We are looking forward to meeting with you at the forthcoming parents evening and we will be sending out mid-year reports, after Half Term, in advance of these meetings

### Parents Evening

We would like to invite parents and carers to parent consultation meetings during the week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is for parents only and we would ask that children do not attend this meeting. **The online booking system is now live.**

Pat (After School Club manager) has kindly offered to have children, who don't currently attend the After School Club, for a taster session. These will be on Monday-Thursday of the week of parent consultations (26<sup>th</sup> February) from: 3-4pm, 4-5pm or 5-6pm.

Please contact Pat directly at After School Club-the telephone number is 01371 811580.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK.**

### Safeguarding

Thank you for taking the time to read the letter that I sent out on Monday with regards to the children's understanding of what we mean by a 'stranger'. Also what they should do if someone approaches them, whom they do not know, if you are not there.

Ironically, John Ray Junior School posted the following on their Facebook page this week:

*PLEASE BE AWARE.*

*Incident Challis Lane 6/2/18*

*Last night a Year 6 child was approached while walking home by a female driver of a white transit van with 2 male passengers in Challis Lane. They pulled alongside him near to the betting shop and waved a ten pound note gesturing for him to get in the van. Thankfully, he shook his head and ran home and the police were called straight away.*

It highlighted even more to me the importance of making our children aware of how to be safe. Do please remember that only our Year 6 children should walk to and from school alone.

## FOBS

Our hardworking FOBS team met again this week to plan and review some of the forthcoming events.

Sadly we will not be able to go ahead with the Pamper Day as we have not had a definite enough response from the therapists that we would need. In place of the pampering we have decided to organise a Family Quiz Night. This will be from 6.00 -9.00pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The cost will be £15 per family (2 adults and 3 children) or £5.00 per adult/ £2.50 per child. The cost will include a sausage and mash supper with dessert. There will also be a bar. It is sure to be a really fun evening.

If you would like to come along please purchase your tickets after half term from a member of the FOBS team and tables of up to 10 people should be booked with Julie Goldsworthy at: [juworthy@aol.com](mailto:juworthy@aol.com)

If you would like to hear more about the events that FOBS are organising or would like to help in any way do please come along to our next meeting which will be at 7pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Alternatively, do let one of the FOBS team know if you can help at any event. FOBS now have a dedicated page on our website where you can find out more and how to contact the team.

## Spring Fling

The next event that FOBS will be organising is a disco for the children on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The theme will be spring and we would like the children to come in brightly coloured clothes (if they wish) to banish away the dark and dreary days.

The disco for Reception and KS1 will be 4-5.15pm and for KS2 5.30-7pm. The cost will be £2.50 per child which will include refreshments.

## Assemblies

It has been fantastic seeing the children present their work in Celebration Assembly. Pixie's performance of the colours of the rainbow in French was a particular highlight!

We will be doing the same again next half term but we will start with a special music assembly on our first Friday back after the holiday, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The dates for each class to show their work in assembly are included in the Diary Dates at the end of the newsletter.

## Trips

Just a reminder we have sent home information about the two trips that we will be going on before the end of the Spring Term. On **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** we will be taking Unicorns and KS1 children to Hatfield Forest and then on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** we will take KS2 children to The Tower of London. If you have not received a trip letter please contact the school office for more information.

## Clubs

We will be offering two all day sports clubs in the half term holiday. These will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. For more details and to book a place please follow the link below or visit the Premier Sport website: <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>

## World Book Day

As is our tradition we will be having our World Book Day celebration on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. We would love it if each child could please come to school dressed as their favourite story character.

## Special Headteacher Award

It is always very sad when we have to say good bye to one of the children. We are all feeling downhearted today as our wonderful Peggie from Unicorn Class is leaving us to go off to her new school.

Peggie is an absolute ray of sunshine and we are really going to miss her energy and enthusiasm. We are so proud of everything that she has achieved in her time with us and she will always be an honorary Unicorn. We feel privileged that we have been a part of her school journey and I know that she has made many friends across the school.

***Good luck Peggie we hope that we will see you again very soon.***

## Special thanks

We are always very grateful for any help from parents when it comes to all of the extra jobs around school. We would all like to thank Mr Kemp for helping us with some tree maintenance work recently and for cutting a new entrance onto the front play equipment.

## Fire Drills

Today we had a fire drill in the middle of lunchtime to practise evacuating the building at a more unusual time of the day. The children were superstars and completed the evacuation in less than a minute.

We may practise an evacuation at the start of the day after the holiday and potentially parents may still be on the premises or on the playground. If you do hear the fire bell at any point we would ask that you make your way out of the front gate if you are at the front of the school or stand off the playground (next to the little shed by the field) if you are at the rear of the school, whilst we complete our fire drill.

## Forthcoming Dates

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
NON PUPIL DAY

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
Half Term Holiday 1 week

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
Back to school

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Reading Gladiators 3.15-4.00pm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
Music Assembly  
Interim Annual Reports to go out  
Spring Fling Disco

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
Parent Teacher Consultation week  
**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
World Book Day (Dress Up Day)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Unicorns to show in Assembly

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Year 5/6 to Football tournament

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
Cookery 3.15-4.30pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 1 and 2 to Dance Festival  
and to show their dance in Assembly

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 5 to Careers Fair  
Reading Gladiators 3.15-4.00pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
SATS Meeting Year 6

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
Pegasus to show in Assembly

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Cookery 3.15-4.30pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
KS1 and EYFS to Hatfield Forest

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
Phoenix to show in assembly

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Family Quiz Night 6-9pm

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
KS2 visit to The Tower of London  
No Teachers Clubs

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
Last day of the Spring Term  
Easter Assembly

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a really lovely Half Term holiday.

*Mrs Kerrell*