



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #8 Friday 3rd November 2017

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

Smile Boxes

A huge well done to all of the children who brought in Smile Boxes and to parents who helped to make them. I am delighted to tell you that we beat our target and had 120 boxes. George was very grateful to you all.

Parents Evening

Thank you for signing up for your Parents Evening appointment next week. We are pleased that we can offer appointments over three days and hope that this is helpful, especially if you are a working parent. If you have not yet booked your appointment we do have some slots left but you will now need to phone the office to book.

Parents Evening appointments with your child's teacher are ten minutes long and you will also have an opportunity to look at your child's work. **With the exception of Year 6, we would ask that children do not accompany you to your appointment please.**

At any point in the year, should you wish to discuss something at length, you are welcome to make a separate appointment to meet your child's teacher by contacting the school office.

If you have a concern that you feel has not been resolved with your child's class teacher **first**, please contact me during school hours. These are Monday-Friday 8.00-6.00pm. My email is head@greatbardfield.essex.sch.uk

Photos

We were very pleased with the new photography company yesterday. They took a range of different photos which were relaxed and fun so I am sure that they will be fantastic.

You will shortly receive information about how you can look at and purchase your child's photos online.

Halloween Disco

This was a huge success! The children all looked fantastic and had a wonderful time. We raised £165.

Christmas Pudding Labels

Really well done to everyone who entered this competition. There were some amazing entries and we will be displaying all of them in the run up to Christmas. Judging was very tough but the winners are:

Lily Pattinson, Sophia Carlson, Jasmine Neale, Jack Cornell and Oskar Sansom.

We would also like to mention Lucca Manning and Lucien Nolan Bradford, who came very close second in their class.

The OVERALL winner of the completion this year is Oskar Sansom for his beautiful detailed drawing of Christmas at Great Bardfield Primary School. Our runner up was Lily Pattinson. Well done Oskar - your picture will now be on all of the pudding labels!

Attendance

Just a reminder that all medical appointments wherever possible should be made outside of the school day so that it does not impact on your child's learning.

If your child is attending an appointment we would ask that parents show a letter or an appointment card to the office so that a copy can be put on your child's file. Unfortunately if we do not have this then it may be necessary to unauthorise the absence.

We would ask that if your child is off sick that on the day they return that you write a note to explain why your child was away from school and for how many days.

New Fence

We are very pleased, that after a long wait, the new fence and gates at the front and rear of the school have been installed. I am very pleased that they are now offering increased security and I am sure that you will agree that they look much smarter than the old ones.

Bertie Bin

Sadly we have had to get rid of the clothes bin that we had on the rear playground as it was being sufficiently used. Your nearest clothes recycling point is at Tesco at Great Notley or at Dunmow.

Gifted Art Club

As Miss Burt has moved on from our school we will no longer be running our Gifted Art Club. Well done to everyone who created our beautiful, large Bardfield pictures.

Christmas Celebrations

We have now set the dates for our Christmas festivities:

Friday 1st December

Non Uniform Day (Bring in a bottle)

Sunday 3rd December

Christmas Extravaganza 12-4pm

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Cinema Club

Friday 8th December

Christmas Pantomime

Tuesday 12th December

Nativity (9.30am)

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December

Nativity (1.30pm)

Friday 15th December

Christmas Parties

Tuesday 19th December

KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

Wednesday 20th December

Last day of Autumn term

A word from FOBS...

SAVE THE DATE...

The Christmas Extravaganza this year will be on Sunday 4th December from 12-4pm. It is set to be a brilliant family event so please put it on your calendar as we want **everyone** to come along and share in the fun.

FOBS would like to invite parents to book a stall at our Christmas Extravaganza to sell their crafts/goods at a cost of £15 per stall. We have space for 15 stalls so please book your stall early to avoid disappointment. Please email Cheryl Mellon-Kelly (cherylmellonkelly@gmail.com) or Sam Carlson (SAMCARLSON40@gmail.com) to book you place.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies and other poppy items in school every day next week.

Parking

For safeguarding seasons we would ask that parents observe the parking regulations outside the school please. Cars should not be parked outside the school gates or on the double yellow lines, to prevent a child being knocked down.

School shoes

As the weather has started to get colder we have noticed that some of the children have started to wear boots. These should only be black and should be suitable for school with no fringing, glitter or tassles.

Cookery/Reading Gladiator clubs

The next dates for Cookery Club are as follows:
21st November, 5th December

The next dates for Reading Gladiators are as follows:
28th November, 12th December

100 Club

Well done to the winners of the final month of the 100 Club:
1st Prize John Goldsworthy-£45
2nd Prize Chris Rowe-£27.50
3rd Prize Lorraine King-£17.50

Decorations

You may be having a change to your Christmas decorations this year. If you do have any good quality and unbroken decorations that you no longer want we would be grateful if you could donate them to school.

Open Days

It has been fantastic to show around so many potential new parents. Our final open morning will be:
Tuesday 7th November 2.00pm

Cake Sales

A huge well done to Phoenix Class who raised £38.50 last time. Today it is Pegasus Class and the next one will be Dragon Class.

We would ask that parents get together to organise these please as the money goes directly to each class to buy additional materials such as books and art materials that we cannot afford in the budget. Next will be:

Friday 17th November Dragon Class
Friday 1st December Unicorn Class.

Celebration Assembly

Next week we will not have any certificates as we will be having a special Remembrance assembly.

Awards

A huge well done to all of the children who have received awards this week:

Golden Awards

Emily Kemp, Finley Cornell, Jasmine Neale, Lola Gardiner, George Needham, Ruby Silvester, Shayla Mallett, Louise Clark and all of Phoenix Class.

Presentation Awards

Jasper Winsborough, Faith Weston-Roberts, Sebastian Venner and Thomas Williams.

Bookworm Awards

Daniel Kempster, Tommy Martin Lucca Manning, Willow Mellon-Kelly

Headteacher Award

Amelia Carlson

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

Mrs Kerrell

