



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #9 Friday 10th 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.

Remembrance Week

A huge thank you for your donations for poppies this week - they will go to the Royal British Legion. The children have been learning about the importance of remembering all of those who made sacrifices in conflicts over the years. Our Year 5 and 6 children laid a wreath at the War Memorial in the village and we had a special assembly of Remembrance today.

Colder Weather

The temperature has really dropped this week and the children are feeling the cold when they are out at playtimes and PE.

We will be taking them outside for PE so it is essential that they have a navy blue tracksuit to keep warm. Girls should also have socks to put on if they are wearing tights to school. It might also be an idea to pop in an extra hat and gloves in their PE Bag. We don't have spare tracksuits so if your child does not have one they will unfortunately have to do PE in shorts and a t-shirt.

Equally please make sure that your child has a warm coat, a hat and

gloves to wear at playtimes. They are outside for 45 minutes at lunch and we do not want the children to be unhappy if they are cold.

As always please make sure that all of your child's uniform is labelled.

Co-op Local Community Fund

I am delighted to share with you that we have been successful in our bid to our local Co-op. They have chosen us as their local community fund from 12th November. Every time you shop and buy own brand products, the Co-op will donate 1% of this to the fund. This fund will be used specifically for the refurbishment of the swimming pool changing rooms.

If you are not yet a member, please follow the link below to sign up for a card:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>

If you are already a member, please log in to the Co-op site and change your local cause to Great Bardfield Primary School:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes>

This is such an easy way to raise much needed funds for our school so please sign up to the membership

programme and choose our school as your cause.

Parents Evenings

We have really enjoyed meeting with you this week to share your child's positive start to the school year. We do appreciate your support with helping us to help your child to reach their full potential.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent questionnaire this week. We will be publishing the outcomes and sending them home within the next few weeks. We appreciate your feedback.

Non Uniform Days

We will be having several non-uniform days this half term. The first will be **NEXT FRIDAY 17th November** for Children in Need. Please donate £1.00 to wear non-school uniform.

Then **on Friday 1st December**, the children may wear non-uniform in return please for the donation of a bottle for our Christmas Extravaganza tombola stall.

On **Friday 15th December** we will have our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Please donate £1.00 to wear non-school uniform in aid of Save the Children.

After School Clubs

After School clubs will return to normal this week with the exception of Cookery and Reading Gladiators. The dates for these clubs are as follows:

Cookery Club

21st November, 5th December

Reading Gladiators

28th November, 12th December

Careers Fair

As part of our work with the DEEP Partnership of schools (Dunmow Excellence in Education Partnership) our Year 5 pupils have been invited to take part in a Careers Fair in March 2018.

We need some help with exhibitors please. If you would be available to come and talk to children about your job we would be very grateful. The date is Tuesday 13th March 2018. Please let the school office know if you would like to take part in this.

Christmas Cards and Puddings

Please see the attached note from FOBs about the Christmas cards. Also please return your Christmas pudding order to the office by next Wednesday 15th November.

Christmas Craft Fair

There will be a special Christmas Craft Fair at St Mary the Virgin church in the village on Saturday 25th November. Flyers will be sent shortly with further information.

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. We have added one extra date to accommodate parents who couldn't make the other times:-

Monday 27th November 2.10pm

The Christmas Extravaganza

Our Extravaganza this year will be on Sunday 3rd 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.

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 record the absence as unauthorised.

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.

Walking to school

Just a reminder that only Year 6 children are allowed to walk to and from school unaccompanied. This is for safeguarding reasons.

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.

Cake Sales

A huge well done to Pegasus Class who raised £47 last week. Our next sale 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 that we cannot afford in the budget, such as books and art materials. Next will be:

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

Celebration Assembly

Next week we will be back to normal with our Celebration Assembly.

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

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a great Weekend.

Mrs Kerrell