



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #10 Friday 17th 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

I am delighted to tell you that thanks to all of your support, we raised an amazing £168 for the Royal British Legion. A brilliant result everyone!

Children in Need

It was great to have everyone's support for Children in Need today. Thank you for donating £1 for non-uniform and we will let you know how much we raised next week.

Pantomime Trip

We sent an important letter out this week about our Pantomime trip which we will be making on the 8th December. Please complete a permission slip for your child to go and we would be grateful if you could please pay a £5.00 voluntary contribution towards the cost of the coach.

Attendance Policy

Essex County Council has made some changes to the issuing of penalty notices for unauthorised holidays and lateness. Our Chair of Governors, Jane Tillotson, has written to you in light of these changes and this letter along with our newly updated Attendance Policy is attached. If you have any questions do please contact the school office.

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 will also need socks to wear if they have worn 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 and hat and gloves to wear at play times. 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. So every time you shop and buy their 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 into 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.

Safeguarding

For safeguarding reasons we would ask that parents do not stay to watch any of our before or after school clubs. Please drop off at 8.00am for early clubs and pick up promptly at the end time of the club in the afternoon.

Also if your child is attending a before school club, we ask that parents bring their child to the school hall to ensure that the club is running as we may not have a coach for the club. Please do not drop your child outside the gate.

If someone else is collecting your child we must have permission from you. This can be a note in the diary, an email or a phone call.

Non Uniform Days

On Friday 1st December, the children may wear non uniform in return please for the donation of a bottle for our Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fair. Then 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.

Non Pupil Days

Just a reminder that we will be having a non-pupil day next Friday, the 24th November.

After School Clubs

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.

School Photos

Proofs and order details for the children's photos are being sent home tonight/Monday. More photos are available to view online. The school receives commission on orders so your support is greatly appreciated.

Unexpected guests

It would appear that several of our children are hosting some uninvited guests in their hair. We would be grateful if you could please check your child's hair and treat with nit solution. Please be vigilant and check hair regularly. Do let your child's class teacher know if your child is being treated. Please don't feel embarrassed, we've all been there!

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.

Also After-School Club and Pre-school are running a teddy and toy tombola at the event and need good quality, working teddies and small toys, please either drop them into the box in the entrance hall or contact Claire Willetts claire.e.sutton@gmail.com

Shop 'til You Drop

Our FOBS ladies have gone off this morning in search of some excellent presents that I know you will be excited to receive on Christmas morning.

Shop 'til You Drop, will take place in the afternoon of Monday 18th December. More information will follow.

Cake Sales

Thank you to Dragon parents for organising the cake sale today.

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.

**Our final one this term will be on:
Friday 1st December Unicorn Class.**

Look out for more next term!

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

Monday 18th December

Shop 'til you drop

Tuesday 19th December

KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

Wednesday 20th December

Last day of Autumn term

Awards

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

Golden Awards

Thomas Worrall, Felix Steinbauer, Charlie Daniels, Roman Brown, Sophia Carlson, Caspar Riche, Fearn Wachter, Harvey Gilder, Isaac Condron and Emelia Tebbey.

Presentation Awards

Tobyn Mead, Annie Vieira, Jemima Aston, Poppy Rowley and Jack Francis.

Bookworm Awards

Archie Barlow, Faith Weston-Roberts, Eloise Barlow, Luis Sansom and Charlotte Rule

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

Mrs Kerrell