



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #1 Friday 2nd September 2016

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 supporting us with having your child in school this week, attendance was 99.9%, when there may have been a temptation to have a longer holiday. The two days settling in period has been invaluable for your child and has allowed them the opportunity to find their feet. We are now ready to start learning on Monday with lots of key things already in place such as reading books and class routines.

It has also been great to see the children looking very smart in their school uniforms. They all look very shiny and new! We have received some amazing holiday homework including several models of Stonehenge! We will be displaying these in the children's classrooms. If your child has not yet sent in their homework then please do this by Monday so that they can be included.

Reading

One of our key priorities for this school year is to improve the level of progress and attainment for all children in Reading. We have invested in Bug Club our on-line reading programme. All children have been re-issued with their log in details so do please encourage your child to log on.

We do expect all children to bring their reading diaries and reading books to school every day so that we can record progress and communicate with you. If you have got something to share with your child's class teacher then please write this in the diary as they are checked every morning.

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 this day and earrings are removed.

Uniform shop

Anna Steinbauer, who runs the second hand uniform shop, will have a rail on the playground of quality uniform every Friday after assembly. Do please come and have a look to grab a bargain.

School website and communication

This is undergoing an update at the moment and information is being refreshed. It is still the best place to go if you have any questions. Hopefully the answers are on there but if not Diane and Heather are always happy to help in the office.

If you do have a concern then please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Frozen Fridays

These will continue up until the last Friday in September which is Friday 30th from next Friday.

Clubs

Sports clubs will start on Tuesday 12th September. Please sign up on the Sports Xtra website.

Early morning clubs are as follows:

Tuesday-Gymnastics
Wednesday-Football
Friday-Dance

Please remember that our early morning sports clubs are open to Year 2 and Key Stage 2 children only. They start at 8.00am and are free.

FOBS

There will be a FOBS (PTA) meeting at school on Monday 5th September at 3.15pm. This will take place in our new Zen Room (old Griffin Class). This is a very important meeting to discuss arrangements for the circus.

Additionally there will be an AGM for the PTA on Tuesday 27th September. The chairperson will be elected and other key committee members so do please try to attend as your vote is very important.

Important dates for the new term

Monday 5th September

Home visits for Reception children as arranged by Mrs Atkinson.

Tuesday 6th September 2.00pm

Supporting your child with maths. Maths support session for parents. A really excellent opportunity to pick up some helpful hints and ideas.

Monday 12th September

New Reception children start-mornings only this week.

Roald Dahl Week to celebrate his 100th birthday.

Tuesday 13th September 2.00pm
Supporting your child with Reading.
Reading support session for parents.

Friday 16th September

NON UNIFORM DAY-Roald Dahl Book Character.
First celebration assembly.

Also

Great Bardfield Bake-Off competition in support of Macmillan (entries in the day before for judging).

Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by Year 6 children 9.30am.

Our new Reception children will not join us in Celebration Assembly until after half term. Other dates may be added to this whenever the new term begins.

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

Mrs Kerrell