



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #11 Friday 18th November 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.

Children in Need

The children have had lots of fun today coming in to school in their pyjamas or in non-uniform. Unicorns also enjoyed a special birthday celebration for Spencer Bear which made everyone very excited!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Vicky Green, Anna Steinbauer and Sarah Holland for stepping in to help sell the cakes after school.

We hope that we have raised lots of money. Thank you for your £1.00 donations and for all of the cakes that were sent in to sell on the cake stall.

Keeping warm

We really appreciate that parents have sent in winter tracksuits for the children to wear when they are outside now that we are having colder weather. It is allowing the children to have happier and more productive PE lessons.

Clubs

Apologies that we have had to cancel some clubs this week. As explained in the club signup sheet, at the beginning of term, there may be occasions when it will not be possible for me to run a club due to meetings or if something comes up that needs my urgent attention. I therefore do appreciate the understanding of the cookery club children and parents.

Next week, as I have a meeting, cookery club for KS1 will be on Thursday 24th November. It will also be necessary to change the KS2 date on Tuesday 29th November. Parents will be texted early next week to confirm the new date.

Healthy Snack

I just want to remind parents that we are a Healthy School. This means that we encourage the children to have a healthy lifestyle and diet. Part of this is that we want children to only have a piece of fruit or a vegetable at snack time and water to drink throughout the day. We were all doing so well but recently I have seen the odd cereal bar and packet of crisps appear at break time. If this happens from next week your child will be offered some fruit and asked to pop the other item in their bag until lunchtime.

Children can have whatever you choose to put in their packed lunch but again we would ask you to make sure that this is nutritionally balanced. By far the best option at lunchtime is a hot cooked dinner loving made by Teresa and her team. Please remember that all Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a free school lunch.

Panto helpers

It's nearly that time of year again! We are going to the Pantomime as a whole school on Friday 9th December. This will be happening in the afternoon which means that we will not return to school until approximately 5pm and this is very traffic dependent.

We are opening up our list for parent volunteers. If you would like to come along and offer your help we would be very grateful. We choose randomly from the list that we end up with and priority will be given to parent governors and parents who didn't help last year.

Please let the office know by Friday 2nd December if you are able to help and then we will let you know by Tuesday 6th December if you will be helping on the trip.

Sports Xtra Clubs

I am sad to share with parents that after Christmas we will be moving to working with a new sports provider- Premier Sports.

Premier Sports are already successfully running the sports lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the school day and we are very happy with the quality of coaching that we are seeing. Most importantly the children are telling me that they think their lessons are better.

Please do not book any further lessons with Sports Xtra after Christmas. We will send you details of how to book with Premier Sports before the end of term. All of the early and after school sports clubs will remain on the same days and at the same times in the Spring Term.

Congratulations

Well done to little Honey's mum Jade. We are delighted to tell you that she was successful at her interview last week and will be joining Teresa and the team in the kitchen next Monday.

Martial Arts Demonstration

Thank you to Ben and Clare Paulyn and Alfie Holland for bringing along their Martial Arts Master to assembly today. Sensei Gerald and the children wanted to showcase this sport and

encourage other children to get involved.

There was a tad more audience participation than I had anticipated! So we will be further explaining to the children on Monday that Martial Arts is a very controlled sport taught by a Sensei master. In Monday assembly I will remind the children about our school rule of hands and feet to ourselves at all times.

FOBS Christmas events

A basket has been placed in the front reception area for donations of Christmas bits and bobs which can be used for the Craft Fair. We would appreciate all help with filling it up.

A flyer was sent home on Monday giving you lots of information about The Craft Fair. Please contact the office if you need another copy.

FOBs have confirmed the times of the Christmas Discos which will be held on the last day of term, Wednesday 21st December. KS1 will be from 3.45-5.00pm and KS2 5.15-6.30pm.

Fish Philosophy and Being a Bucket Filler

Some parents have been asking about these. Both of these are important ways of thinking, which we use to encourage positive behaviour in the children. They underpin our Key Skills and in particular RESPECT. Every week children are asked to complete a Fish for anyone in the school and then we have a special assembly where some Fish are randomly chosen and the children present them to each other. They then go on the giant Fish Bowl in the hall. Each class also has a Fish Bowl which displays chosen fish and the others are given out.

Bucket filling encourages the children to imagine that they have a special bucket of happiness inside them. They

try every day to fill up their bucket by being a good person and by doing good deeds. We ask the children to avoid being a bucket dipper as being unkind can make other people sad and mean that you have taken happiness out of their bucket-you have been a bucket dipper.

It is possible to find out more information about both of these ideas on the internet. Being a Bucket Filler is a book by Carol McCloud. There is also an animated clip on You Tube.

We have found both of these strategies to be really fun ways of encouraging the children to be good citizens of the school.

Forthcoming Dates

Please remember that school will be closed next Friday for a non-pupil day. Also there will be no celebration assemblies on Friday 2nd December as we have the Craft Fair and Friday 9th December as we have the Panto. This means that our final Celebration Assembly of the term will be on Friday 16th December.

Some important dates for this term:

Thursday 24th November

Non Uniform Day for bottle donation

Friday 25th November

Non Pupil Day

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Craft Fair

Tuesday 6th December

Nativity Play 9.30am

Thursday 8th December

Nativity Play 1.30pm

Friday 9th December

Panto Trip

Monday 12th December

Shop 'til you drop

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December

Carol Concert in the church 6.00pm

Friday 16th December

Wear a Christmas Jumper Day

Final Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 20th December

Class Christmas Parties

Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Disco-times as detailed.

Awards this week go to:

Special Awards:

Ethan Rowe, Charlie Daniels, George Needham, Benjamin Yarrow, Jessica Asher-Andrews, Demi Smith, Fearn Wachter, Skye King, Harry Needham, Grace O'Connor and Charlotte Rule.

Presentation Awards:

Isla Goldsworthy, Olivia Speight and Phoebe Lowe.

Reading Awards:

George Wedge, Maisie Clark, Willow Mellon-Kelly, Emily Piscina and Niamh Burgess

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

Mrs Kerrell