



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #11 Thursday 23rd 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.

Non Pupil Day

Just a reminder that tomorrow is a non-pupil day and that school will be closed for the children. The office will be manned should you need to contact us about anything urgent.

Pantomime Trip

Please complete a permission slip for your child to go to the pantomime on Friday 8th December. We would be grateful if you could please pay a £5.00 voluntary contribution towards the cost of the coach and you can do this using our online payment system.

We will let parents who have volunteered to come with us know if they have been randomly selected, by text on Wednesday 29th November.

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 was emailed to you last week. If you have any questions about the policy do please contact the school office. The new policy can be found on the school website.

Children in Need

Well done and a huge thanks to everyone for their donations last week. We raised a brilliant £115.

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.

Change to the dinner menu

On Thursday 30th November there will be a small menu change due to operational requirements, from lasagne to pasta spirals in a tomato sauce with garlic bread. **This will be just for this day.**

After School Clubs

Cookery and Reading Gladiators; the dates for these clubs are as follows:

Cookery Club

5th December

Reading Gladiators

28th November, 12th December

Celebration Assembly

Please note that there will not be an assembly next Friday 1st December as we will be preparing for the Christmas Extravaganza.

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.

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

You should by now have received your order card for your child's photos. There is an 'early bird' discount for orders made by 5th December. The school receives commission for orders so all support is greatly appreciated.

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. The event will start with the children gathering around the tree to sing carols - they have been practicing very hard.

We now need volunteers to help on the day to man some of the stalls please. Even if you can only spare half an hour it would make a big difference. Please email Sam Carlson at SAMCARLSON40@gmail.com or contact the school office to let us know that you can help and at what time.

Shop 'til You Drop

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

Cake Sales

Thank you to Dragon parents for organising the cake sale last week. Well done to you all as we raised £58 for the class.

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

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

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

Mrs Kerrell

