



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #12 Friday 25th 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.

Time for tinsel!

It is hard to believe that it is the first of December next week! Where has this term gone? We are gearing up for a wonderfully special time in school when the children are full of joy and excitement.

We will have our lights switch on, on Thursday evening and the post box will be installed in Reception by Friday if your child would like to send their friends some Christmas cards.

Please see the end of the newsletter for the dates and times of all of the festive events. We have even added a new one!

Christmas Fair

Andrea Mobsby and the FOBS team are very busy getting ready for the Christmas Craft Fair which will take place after school on Friday. Please check the flyer you were sent for more information.

I am sure it is going to be a magical event with an extra special visitor of course! We really hope you can come along and join in all of the merriment!

Bring a bottle

Huge thanks to everyone for making a contribution to the Bottle Stall last Friday. We have an amazing collection of everything from Fish Soup to Marshmallow fluff to Champagne (maybe best not to win them and consume at the same time!)

Movie Club/ meet the Governors

We haven't been able to hold our usual movie club this term with being a teacher down, so we will be having a special Christmas screening to make up for this. We would like to show Elf-everyone's favourite! We will however need signed permission as it is a PG and we can only show U rated films without your permission.

This will be on Monday 19th December straight after school until 5.00pm. The cost will be the usual £2.50 and will include a drink and a hotdog. All age groups can come along.

Joe Jones, our Chair of Governors, would also like to invite parents to an informal meet and greet with the School Governors. We would love you to come along and share your thoughts about the school and hear about the very important work our amazing and proactive Governing Body are doing to help the school be the best it can be. We will be serving a complimentary glass of fizz and warm mince-pies or shortbread. This will take place also on the 19th December (when the cinema club is going on) from 4.00pm-5.00pm.

If your child would like to attend the cinema club then please **sign** up at the office. If you would like to come along to meet the Governors on the same evening at 4.00pm do please let the office know so we can add your name to the guest list.

Nativity Tickets

Our Reception and Key Stage one children are rehearsing hard for their big performance! This will take place at either 9.30am on Tuesday 6th December or 1.30pm on Thursday 8th December.

Tickets are now available from the school office. There is no charge and we are releasing 2 per family for one performance at the moment. It is very important that you sign up for tickets as it does get very busy. If the hall is at capacity we cannot go over our numbers due to fire regulations so do please sign up to avoid disappointment.

When we get to this Wednesday afternoon any tickets that are left will be given out. To make this fair we will give four more tickets to each family for one of the performances or two extra tickets for each performance. If you need more than this we will then put your name on a waiting list.

Please remember that our Key Stage Two children will put on a very special Carol Concert in St Marys church on Thursday 15th December at 6.00pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend (no tickets needed) even if you do not have a Key Stage Two child. We would really appreciate your support.

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.

Year 5 and 6 Athletics and Key Stage 2 Drama

Phoenix class will be attending an inter-school athletics tournament on Friday 2nd December. They will leave at lunchtime and be back in school by 3.45pm (they shouldn't miss too much of the Craft Fair as was the situation when we went last year.)

Both Phoenix Class and Pegasus Class have been having coaching from a Drama Specialist from the Mercury Theatre in Colchester. This has been happening once per week, for an hour per class, this half term. They will all be going to Felsted School on the morning of Wednesday 14th December to take part in a showcase with 4 other local schools

Christmas Lunch

Due to the drama showcase taking place on the 14th December we will be moving the date of the Christmas lunch to Friday 16th December. All costs and other details will stay exactly the same. We think this will be more festive as it is also Christmas Jumper Day.

The time of our Final Celebration assembly will change to 9.15am on the 16th December.

Raising a concern.

Please read the additional which has gone out with the Newsletter this evening.

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.

The times of the Christmas Discos on Wednesday 21st December are KS1 from 3.45-5.00pm and KS2 5.15-6.30pm. More details to follow.

Forthcoming Dates

Please remember that 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. **Our final Celebration Assembly of the term will be on Friday 16th December at 9.15am**

Some important dates for this term:

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 **(back to school at 5.00pm)**

Monday 12th December

Shop 'til you drop

Thursday 15th December

Carol Concert in the church 6.00pm

Friday 16th December

Wear a Christmas Jumper Day

Final Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Christmas Lunch

Monday 19th December

Class Christmas Parties

Christmas Movie Club-pick up 5.00pm

Meet the Governors 4.00-5.00pm

Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Disco-times as detailed.

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

Mrs Kerrell