



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #15 Friday 16th December 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.

The Carol Concert

What an absolutely beautiful evening this was! The children worked incredibly hard preparing for it and then threw their hearts and souls into the performance. Mrs Carey, Mr Beaton and all the teachers and LSAs put so much in to helping the children to shine.

As we go into our final few days of the term I am filled with immense pride at our wonderful school and all that we have achieved this term together.

Panto

What an amazing afternoon we had at the Panto last Friday. It was brilliant to see the children's faces and enthusiasm. The adults were slightly less enthused when the children were asked how loud they could scream. 300 children screaming at once was quite an ear splitting sound!

As always the children were impeccably behaved. The Pixies were determined to show off their dancing skills at the end of the performance and it was all we could do to stop them climbing on the stage to join in with the finale. We have booked up again for next year already.

Of course we have FOBs to thank for the Panto, paid for with all of their fundraising. It costs in the region of

£1800 for the tickets. On behalf of all of the children we would like to thank Sally and all of the FOBs team for their hard work all year and you for your contributions which enable the children to have these extra, wonderful opportunities.

Shop 'Til You Drop

This is always such a lovely event. The children always take so much care choosing their gifts and then painstakingly wrapping them with lots of love and pride.

Many of the gifts were well over £1.00 to buy in advance this year for the event and FOBs, as they do every year, always make quite a loss. However, the experience is so important for the children and indeed one of our embedded Christmas traditions.

Again Sally and the team worked incredibly hard purchasing all of the gifts and then all of Monday afternoon running Shop Til You Drop which takes a considerable amount of organisation.

On that note...

We do need lots more volunteers. FOBs is a very small group of people working incredibly hard to benefit everyone. I have sent out a letter from Sally, with the Newsletter, about the work of FOBs this half term and how you can get involved. She is always

open to new ideas and suggestions and to hearing your thoughts about ways that you could help out if you have an idea for improvements.

On-line safety

I hope that you have received the letter and Power Point presentation that I sent earlier this week about the children's online safety.

If you haven't had a chance to read them yet I would strongly urge you to as they contain some very important information about keeping your child safe on-line.

Christmas Celebration at The Vine

The children have been invited to take part on a Festive Celebration at The Vine pub in the village. This will take place this Sunday 18th December at 5.30pm. We need as many children as possible to take part in carol singing at the event. This event is open to all of the children across the school. So come along and join in with some of the Carols. Please remember that if your child is coming that you must stay with them while they are taking part.

Movie Club/ meet the Governors

We will be having a special Christmas movie club before the end of term. 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.

Class Parties

These will take place next Monday, 19th December. Please look out for the sign-up sheets that are up and let us know what you will be donating for the party.

The children should wear school uniform in the morning to school and can then bring party clothes to change into in the afternoon. Please label your child's clothes.

The Christmas Disco

A flyer went out today about the upcoming discos next Wednesday, 21st December. The times of the Christmas Discos are KS1 from 3.45-5.00pm and KS2 5.15-6.30pm.

Some important dates for this term:

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.

The first day of the Spring Term

Just a reminder that we return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017. As you know, in line with the Local Authority guidelines, I am unable to authorise any holidays. If you are going to be taking your child out of school please complete the form which is available from the office.

Please do not ask your child to say that they are ill if they are not. We would be grateful if you would follow our absence procedures and phone the school office before 9.00am if your child will not be attending school.

Awards this week go to:

Special Awards:

Jasmine Neale, Kitty Rubbens, Harry Ricca, Eva, Henry Collins, Darcy Ditchman , Sam Wood
Jamie Asher-Andrews, Jozef Scott and Niamh Burgess

Presentation Awards:

Honey Hughes, Oliver Willetts, Shayla Mallett, Lucien Nolan-Bradford and Emily Chapman

Reading Awards:

Lola Gardiner, Henry Winsborough, Abigail Goldsworthy, Jay Davidson and Grace Needham

Headteacher Awards:

George Tebbey, Emma Hine, Sonny Burgess and Lucien Nolan-Bradford.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year in 2017.

Mrs Kerrell