



The Bardfield Buzz

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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

A Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and would like to wish you a positive and successful 2017.

The children have made an excellent start back to school. I have been very impressed with their renewed energies and focus. As always at this time of the school year I am struck by how very grown up they suddenly seem to be.

We are set for a busy and fun packed Spring Term with lots to look forward to. Our Unicorns are learning about Castles. Our Year One and Two children about Explorers and the differences between The Countryside and The City. Year 3/ 4 will learn about The Romans and Year 5/ 6 about Mountainous terrains.

We will send our Curriculum Leaflets out within the next few weeks which will give you more information about what your child will be learning in the different subjects.

I would like to warmly welcome Mrs Tina Savage to our school. Mrs Savage will be teaching our Year One Pixies in the mornings.

We would like to invite the Pixie parents to pop in and meet Mrs Savage, next Wednesday, from 3.10-3.30pm.

Clubs

We are delighted to welcome Premier Sport to work with us in our sports lessons and to run our sports clubs.

They will run an early morning Netball Club on Tuesdays and a Football Club on Wednesdays (there will also be Dance on Fridays with Josie). These clubs will start at 8.00am, are free and available to everyone from Year 3 upwards. Early morning clubs start next week on Tuesday 10th January. **Please sign up on the Premier Sport website for early Netball and Football.**

www.premier-education.com

After School sports clubs are 'paid' clubs and these also need to be booked on-line with Premier Sport on their website. These will be Football on Wednesdays and Gymnastics on Thursdays. These clubs will start on Wednesday 18th January.

We will also be running some Teacher's clubs on Tuesdays after school. A list of available clubs will be sent out next Friday with a sign-up sheet. Teacher's clubs will start on Tuesday 24th January.

PE UNIFORM...The children will be having gymnastics as one of their lessons on Wednesdays. Please make sure that your child has navy blue shorts in their PE Bag along with their outdoor kit so that they can take part in the session.

Dinner Money

The cost of dinners, should you wish to pay in advance is:

£52 for the half Term
£110 for the full term.

School Uniform

It was super to see all the children looking smart in their school uniforms this week.

Just a reminder please about school shoes. As it is winter the children are welcome to wear black boots which are suitable for school. No fashion or 'Ugg' style boots please. Also trainers are not allowed unless being worn for PE. Please make sure that your child has black shoes which are suitable for school.

Please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves as we will be getting the children outside for lots of fresh air. It's very chilly!

We would be grateful if you could label everything to avoid things getting lost and mixed up!

Severe Weather Procedures

I will be watching the weather forecast closely this half term for snow. If we do have a heavy fall of snow in the night it may be necessary to have a Forced Closure Day. I will only decide to close the school if I feel that it is not safe for staff and parents to drive to or from school. We have several members of staff that live a considerable distance from Great Bardfield.

I will endeavour to let parents know by text if the school is going to close, before 7.00am. It is very important that we have your most up to date contact details please. We will also put any closure on the school website and on the ECC website under school closures.

We will also let parents know by text when the school is going to re-open. On very rare occasions it may be necessary to close the school in the middle of the day if heavy snow begins to fall. Again, we will contact parents by text if we need you to come and collect your child early.

If you have any questions regarding severe weather procedures please contact the school office.

FOBS Meeting

Our next FOBS meeting will be on Wednesday 11th January at 7.30pm.

We would love to see you there. Please come along and share your ideas. All offers of help are very welcome.

Forthcoming Dates

We will add to these as the term progresses.

Friday 13th January

First Celebration Assembly of the term

Friday 10th February

Non Pupil Day

Monday 27th February

Parents Consultation Evenings

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day (Dressing up as a book character)

Friday 31st March

Non Pupil Day (Final day of term)

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

Mrs Kerrell