



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #17 Friday 13th January 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.

Ofsted Visitors

As you will know from the letter that we sent out on Monday, we had a visit from Ofsted on Tuesday this week.

I was very proud of how well behaved the children were and how all of our wonderful staff pulled together in preparation for the visit. I would really like to thank parents for their support and for taking the time to complete the Parent View Questionnaire and Free Text. The inspector looked closely at these and they were an important piece of evidence in the judgement that she made.

The outcome of the Inspection at this time remains confidential. This is while we wait for the Inspector to compile her findings and have them quality assured. She informed me that it can take up to twenty days for us to receive the official Inspection outcome.

Rest assured that as soon as we can, we will share this with you.

Clubs

A reminder that Premier Sport 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. We only have one name so far.**

The email address is:

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 has been sent out with the Newsletter today. Please complete the permission slip and return it to the office. For Cookery and Coding Clubs priority will be given to children who have not taken part in these clubs already last term.

Cold weather

It was bitterly cold on the playground at lunchtime today. The children want to go out to have a run around so do please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Severe Weather Procedures

We had our first heavy fall of snow this week and much to the children's disappointment narrowly avoided a Snow Day. 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.

***NEW-Additionally if it is extremely icy we may open the school later at 10.00am to allow teachers and parents to travel when the roads are safer.**

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

Parents Evening

It will soon be time for Parents Consultation Evenings again. We are going to try a new on-line booking system. Please make sure that we have all of your details including mobile number and email addresses completely up to date. A letter will be sent out before half term explaining how to use the system.

FOBS Meeting

Our next FOBS meeting was postponed last week. We will text you the new date and time.

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. Individual class letters will be sent out if we have visits our sports tournaments to attend.

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)

Awards this week go to:

Special Awards:

Kitty Rubbins, Isla Goldsworthy, Alice Silvester, Oliver Willetts, Louise Clark, Charlie Wells, Harvey Gilder, Oliver Ricca, Luke Paulyn, Olive North

Presentation Awards:

Dylan Woodcraft, Aden MacDonald, Summer Passfield, Poppy Rowley, Emma Hine

Reading Awards:

Roman Brown, Luca Rowe, Freddie Hewitt, Alice Vaughan, James Coxall

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kerrell