



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter #18 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Clubs

It has been good to see so many children sign up for clubs. Parents you will receive a text on Monday morning, confirming that your child has got a place in the club that you have requested. If you have any questions please contact the office.

### IMPORTANT

**The first Cookery Club will be for Group B-KS1. Cookery will now start on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.**

We still have places available in the following clubs:

Coding Club, Yoga Club and KS2 Cookery.

If you would like to sign your child up please contact the office on Monday.

### Curriculum Leaflets

Details of what your child will be studying this Spring Term will be available, on the School Website, from Monday. If you would like a hard copy of the leaflet, for your child's class, then please contact the office.

### Meet the author

We have had the unfortunate news that Dunmow St Marys Primary School will no-longer be holding a 'meet the author' evening on Monday evening. If you were planning to pop along this event has now been **cancelled**.

### School Holidays

Several parents have been asking when we will be returning to school in September, for the new school Year 2017-2018. There will be a Non-Pupil day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and **then children will return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

Our new EYFS children will have home visits this first week of the new Autumn Term and then a phased start. More information about this is available on our school website.

The remaining non-pupil days will be agreed at the next Full Governing Body meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The calendar for the new school year will then be sent out to you.

### Reading with your child

A reminder please about the importance of reading with your child. It is vital that children are being encouraged to read as often as possible and that they have some time every day with you, to read to you, especially if they are a Reception or Key Stage One child. We check the reading diaries every day and monitor when parents are signing these. We appreciate that parents are busy but if children read often then they will make progress and you will be helping your child to achieve their full potential.

**BUG CLUB** is an excellent resource and a fun way for your child to read. Please encourage your child to log on and have a go. Every child should

have access to the programme. If you do have problems signing your child on please do let your child's class teacher know.

### **Safeguarding**

In light of our recent visitors we would like to remind parents that we have strict Safeguarding procedures in place.

Please do not enter the school building during the school day or at any time before or after school without first coming to the school office.

If you have forgotten to give your child something at the start of or at the end of the day or if your child needs to use the toilet please come to the school office and we will be happy to help you. Parents and children are welcome to use the toilets in Reception **only** please before and after school.

### **Class Assembly Dates**

Each class will be presenting a Class Assembly this term to showcase what the children have been learning. The dates are as follows:

**Year 2 Dragons-28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Year R Unicorns-7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 1 Pixies-14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 5/6 Phoenix-21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Year 3/4 Pegasus-28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Each assembly will begin at 9.30am**

### **Easter SATS Revision mornings**

As in previous years we will be holding two revision mornings for our Year 6 children. **This year these will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.** They will begin at 9.00am and finish at 12.00noon. More details will be given to Year 6 parents as we get closer to the dates.

### **A reminder that SATs tests will take place this year week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

Please do not book any holidays during this week if you are a parent of a Year 6 child. We need full attendance for our Year 6 pupils during this week please.

### **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.

### **Cold weather**

It was bitterly cold on the playground at this week. 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.

**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.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

We will add to these as the term progresses. Individual class letters will be sent out if we have visits or sports tournaments to attend.

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#### **Also**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Non Pupil Day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents Consultation Evenings

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

World Book Day (Dressing up as a book character)

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Non Pupil Day (Final day of term)

### **Awards this week go to:**

#### **Special Awards:**

Tommy Martin, Annie Loe,  
Marlo Nolan-Glasford  
Ruby Silvester, Alice Kemp  
Luis Sansom, William Thomson  
Jay Davidson, Oliver Edmonds,  
Daisy Chignell.

#### **Presentation Awards:**

Alice Condron, George Tebbey,  
Henry Collins, Emelia Tebbey  
Grace O'Connor.

#### **Reading Awards:**

Chloe Golebiowski, Charlotte Kybert,  
Rosie Collins, Tamsin Aston,  
Emily Chapman

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

*Mrs Kerrell*