



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #19 Friday 27th 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

Teachers Clubs continue on Tuesday this week. We will have the first Cookery Club and Coding club of the Spring Term. Cookery will be for Group B-Key Stage One. Please make sure that you bring along a box to put your cookery in and an apron. Girls please tie your hair back.

Meet the author

We are delighted to tell you that Years 3, 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to meet Francesca Simon on Wednesday 28th March. We will be going to Saffron Waldon County High School to the Essex Book Fair where she will be appearing. More details will be made available in the forthcoming weeks.

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We are going to engage in a pre-digital throw back! From Monday as well as sending out the Newsletter electronically on a Friday, we are going to send a hard copy home too, on a Monday. A bit old fashioned but sometimes it's good to have things on the fridge that can be referred to easily!

There will be a challenge for the children too, so that they also read The Buzz. We will have three words of the week that the children have to find. They then write the words, **in the full sentence from the newsletter**, on a piece of paper, with their name and class. Post entries in the box in Reception. We will draw a winner out

of the hat at Friday assembly and the winner will receive a prize.

Of course if you would rather not receive a paper copy then please let the office know and we will only send you the email on Fridays.

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 4th September and **then children will return on Tuesday 5th September.**

Disappointingly our level of attendance has dropped by 5% since the beginning of the Autumn Term. This is quite a significant decrease.

Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays in term time. Taking your child out of school will **definitely** have an impact on their learning and should therefore be avoided.

Reading with your child

There has been lots of brilliant reading going on this week-well done everyone for reading more and getting those diaries signed.

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.

The Ofsted Report

We are still waiting on the report to be published by Ofsted. I have been in communication with them this week and the report is still at the checking stage. As soon as it becomes available we will share it with our whole school community before it goes live on the Ofsted website.

School Dinners

These really are delicious and such an excellent way for your child to have a hot warming meal in the middle of the day. It was great to see the children tucking in to homemade curry and bolognese this week. The apple crumble with custard was also amazing. The meals are such incredible value for our Key Stage Two children and remember free for our Key Stage One children. They are made with the highest quality, fresh ingredients.

Please have a look at the website for more information about the three weekly menu and prices.

Cold weather

It was -4 degrees and bitterly cold on the playground 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 to avoid numb fingers and ears.

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-28th February
Year R Unicorns-7th March
Year 1 Pixies-14th March
Year 5/6 Phoenix-21st March
Year 3/4 Pegasus-28th 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 10th and Tuesday 11th 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 8th 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.

Severe Weather Procedures

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

Class Assemblies

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Year R Unicorns-7th March

Year 1 Pixies-14th March

Year 5/6 Phoenix-21st March

Year 3/4 Pegasus-28th March

Also

Friday 10th February

Non Pupil Day

Monday 27th February

Parents Consultation Evenings

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day (Dressing up as a book character)

Wednesday 28th March-Year 3/4/5

meet Francesca Simon

Friday 31st March

Non Pupil Day (Final day of term)

Awards this week go to:

Special Awards:

Dylan Woodcraft, Faith Weston-Roberts, Lucca Manning, Harry Ricca, Freddie Hewitt, Stanley Ross, Harry McGregor, Anyisia Ledgerton-Wright, Henry Quinn, Phoebe Loe.

Presentation Awards:

Richard Vaughan, Caspar Riche, Chloe Thomson, Ben Paulyn, Zak Hall.

Reading Awards:

Charlie Daniels, Jemima Aston, Louise Clark, Ava Pluckrose, Niamh Burgess

Headteacher Awards:

Alice Vaughan and Theodore Moore.

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

Mrs Kerrell