



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #2 Friday 9th September 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.

First Full Week of Learning

It has been such a fantastic first week back. The children are full of enthusiasm and excitement about their new year groups and it has been excellent to see them already rising to the challenges in their learning. Our Year One Pixies, in particular, have really impressed me this week with their positivity and maturity. It was also great to see lots of parents at our Maths Workshop with Gill Heysham this week. We hope that you found it useful.

As with anything there have been a few teething problems which we have endeavoured to keep to a minimum. If we are changing anything important such as the School Dinner Menu we will always give you plenty of notice. We will be implementing our Winter Menu after half term and will send it out several weeks before this happens, so that you can make choices with your child.

There have been a few glitches with Bug Club. It is easy to reset passwords so do let us know if your child has trouble logging on. **The school code for Bug Club is rgsm.**

Your child also has an easimaths sticker in their reading diary. Easimaths is a daily maths programme that we use in school only. The stickers are in diaries to remind the children of their log in details. It would be great if they could learn these. In the forthcoming weeks we will add a

log in for MyMaths in Years 1-6. This will allow your child to access Maths Homework if it has been set by the classteacher.

There is lots of useful information on the school website and we let you know through our weekly newsletters of important dates that are coming up. You can of course also contact us via the school office.

If you do have a concern about your child, need to make an appointment or have any questions for your child's class teacher then please contact the school office in the first instance. The message will then be passed on and your child's class teacher will contact you at their earliest opportunity.

Reading

One of our key priorities for this school year is to improve the level of progress and attainment for all children in Reading. We hope that you can come along to a 'Get Your Child Into Reading' Workshop this week. This will be with Mrs Kerrell on Tuesday 13th September at 2.15pm in the Zen Room.

Also to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Roald Dahl we will be having a Roald Dahl week, next week. **This will finish up with a non-uniform day on Friday.** We would like children to come dressed as a character from one of his stories on the day please. If you

have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have two Parent Governor Vacancies available. Becoming a School Governor is very rewarding and we appreciate parents going that 'extra mile' to support the school. Forms have been sent out today in the children's bags. Please return the completed form as soon as possible if you are interested.

PE Kits and uniform

Please make sure that your child has their **labelled PE Kit in school**. Also that their school uniform has their name in. Your child's class teacher will let you know when the children have PE. Please make sure that long hair is tied back this day and earrings are removed.

A parent asked me this week if it was okay for our girls to wear blue and white summer, gingham playsuits. These are fine.

Frozen Fridays

These will continue up until the last Friday in September which is Friday 30th from next Friday.

Clubs

Sports clubs will start on Tuesday 12th September. Please sign up on the Sports Xtra website.

Early morning clubs are as follows:

Tuesday-ZUMBA!

Wednesday-Football

Friday-Dance

Please note that there is now a change to the Tuesday morning early club.

Please remember that our early morning sports clubs are open to Year

2 and Key Stage 2 children only. They start at 8.00am and are free.

Brass Instrument Tuition

Mrs Carey is happy to offer some free tuition to any child who might be interested in playing one of these instruments. This tuition would be offered for 6 weeks. If your child has already had this opportunity, you will receive a letter next week asking if your child would like to continue, at a reduced cost.

FOBS

Along with our newsletter this week I have also sent out our FOBs Chairperson's letter.

Please note there will be an AGM for the PTA on Tuesday 27th September. The chairperson will be elected and other key committee members so do please try to attend as your vote is very important.

Macmillan Coffee Morning and The Great Bardfield Bake Off

Flyers for both of these events have been emailed out to everyone today. Please check these for information.

Our coffee morning will be held next Friday at 9.30am.

The circus is coming to town!

Hopefully you will have seen posters and flyers for the circus which is visiting our school week beginning 26th September. Tickets are available online for the performances on the 1st and 2nd October at

www.greatbardfieldfundays.co.uk.

Tickets cost £9.00 per person.

Important dates for the new term

Monday 12th September

New Reception children start-mornings only this week.

Roald Dahl Week to celebrate his
100th birthday.

Tuesday 13th September 2.15pm
Supporting your child with Reading.
Reading support session for parents.

Friday 16th September
NON UNIFORM DAY-Roald Dahl
Book Character.
First celebration assembly.

Also
Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted
by Year 6 children 9.30am
Winners of Great Bardfield Bake Off
announced at assembly.

Our new Reception children will not
join us in Celebration Assembly until
after half term. Other dates may be
added to this whenever the new term
begins.

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

Mrs Kerrell