



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 to the Summer Term

Welcome back! We all hope that you had a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoyed the lovely sunny weather.

There is lots in the newsletter this week so please have a careful read through.

Clubs this term

Sports clubs will start next week both after school and in the mornings. As always please sign up for the afternoon sports clubs on line at www.premier-education.com.

This term Premier Sport are offering early Netball on Tuesdays and Football on Wednesdays. After school clubs will be Football on Wednesdays and Rounders on Thursdays.

Early dance will happen every Friday morning at 8.00am for Years 2-6.

The slips for Teachers Clubs will go out on Monday 24th April and should be returned by 3.30pm on Thursday 27th April. We will then let you know what club your child will be attending, on Friday 28th April.

Teachers clubs will start on Tuesday 2nd May.

Class Photos

The children will be having their class photos taken next Tuesday 25th April. Please make sure that they come to school looking smart in their school uniform.

School Uniform

It has been great to see the children begin to wear summer uniform. Please remember that summer uniform consists of:

Girls

Blue gingham dress or shorts/skirt/top
Or
White logoed shirt with grey school shorts/ pinafore/ skirt/ trousers.

Boys

White logoed shirt with grey school shorts/ trousers.

If your child is wearing only their white polo shirt and not their jumper please make sure that it has the school logo on it.

Children should wear black school shoes or plain sandals. Girls sandals should not have open toes and socks must be worn with shoes.

Also

School PE shirts should be white or Navy and have the school logo on please.

Water Bottles

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a named water bottle that they can refill every day. We will send these home at the end of each day so that they can be washed and sent back the following morning with fresh water. Please remember that children should only have water to drink during the day.

FOBS and Fundraising

It was really sad to learn this week that the 80s disco had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

Our FOBs team are only a very small group of willing volunteers and they are trying incredibly hard, on everyone's behalf, to raise much needed funds for the school that **all** of the children can enjoy.

We have spent £7500 of the money that FOBs have raised, this year alone!

This has gone on renovating the new, beautiful Wildlife Garden, the Golden Mile markings on the playground, a new summer pool cover (the new winter cover, costing over £800, was donated by the Needham family) and on school trips-for example the Panto trip cost £1300 this year.

As you will know from our recent letter, we have a very reduced budget this financial year and it is going to continue to decrease. We will not be able to afford any of these wonderful extra things from the school budget.

We know that parents are extremely busy with many of you working long hours just to make ends meet. This doesn't give much room for free time or extra money. However, we would be extremely grateful for any support you can give. Even an hour of your time would make all the difference and please contribute anything you can.

Our next event is the Garage Sale on Saturday 6th May. We need some helpers with the BBQ and refreshment stall please. If you could give up some of your time to help, please let our FOBs chair know by emailing at sallybeanland@hotmail.co.uk or contact the school office.

Remember we have our wonderful Harry Potter themed Fete on the 10th

June and will definitely need helpers then too. Please help if you can.

If you are shopping online lots of retailers and utility companies offer an option to make a donation by Easyfundraising.

There are nearly 3,000 shops on board, ready to make a free donation to us - it doesn't cost you a penny extra.

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join - Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greatbardfieldpta> and sign up for free.
2. Shop - Every time you shop online, go to [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. Raise - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Great Bardfield School PTA - Essex, Braintree for no extra cost whatsoever!

A special Cricket opportunity

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been offered the opportunity to take part in some **free** cricket coaching. This will take place on **Tuesdays** after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm led by Mrs Crow and Mr Nigel Tegg a cricket coach.

**The sessions will be on:
25.04.17/ 09.05.17/ 16.05.17/
23.05.17/ 06.06.17 and 13.06.17.**

Children must commit to attending **every** session as we will be preparing for a competition.

If you are interested, please give the office your child's name as the first session is next Tuesday.

Sadly no lego club this term on these dates but Mrs Crow will arrange to run Lego Club from the 20th June to the end of term.

Swimming Pool Changing Rooms

We would like your help with entering a competition with the building firm Jewsons. They are offering to undertake a local project and we would like to submit nominations for them to come and renovate our swimming pool changing rooms. If we win. Please see the separate email which has been kindly put together by Anna Steinbauer.

A huge good luck

Lots of luck to two of our Governors Jane Tillotson and Clare Parker who are running the Marathon this Sunday. They have been training incredibly hard and have shown lots of resilience.

They are running to raise awareness and funds for The Neuro Foundation. The Neuro Foundation work tirelessly to help and support the 25,000 people in the UK, including Jane's niece Gabriella, diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis.

Whenever Jane and Clare get their breath back they will hopefully come and tell us all about their experience in a Friday assembly.

Unexpected guests and illness

Unfortunately we have seen the return of Nits to the children's hair. This is not pleasant for anyone and we would ask that you treat your child as soon as you notice any eggs or nits so that we don't spread them

If we discover that your child has nits during the school day we will ask you to come and pick them up so that the nits and eggs can be treated.

Also a reminder that if your child has a bout of sickness or diarrhoea that they should be kept at home for **48 hours** so that it does not get passed to other children.

Dates for this coming term.

Please find below a list of the important dates this term:

Friday 28th April-Wednesday 3rd May
Book Fair.

Monday 1st May

School will be closed for the Bank Holiday

Saturday 6th June

Garage Sale

Monday 8th May-Friday 12th May

SATs Week

Thursday 18th May

Key Stage Two Cinema Club

Tuesday 23rd May-6.00pm

Isle of Wight Meeting (Parents and Children)

Monday 29th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 5th June

Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 7th June

Senior Citizens Community Lunch

Saturday 10th June

Summer Fete

Monday 12th June

Year 6 visit to The Isle of Wight

Thursday 22nd June

Key Stage One Cinema Club

Wednesday 28th June

Year 6 HRS Taster Day

Tuesday 4th July

Sports Day (Main)

Friday 7th July

Year 5 HRS Taster Day.

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July

Family Camping weekend.

Monday 10th July

Open Afternoon at 3.15pm

Year 6 taster day JF Academy

Tuesday 11th July

Whole school Seaside Trip

Thursday 13th July

Sports Day (Reserve)

Friday 14th July

Proms on the playground

Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 (KS2) Production 1.30pm

Wednesday 19th July

Year 6 (KS2) Production 6.00pm

Friday 21st July

Leavers Assembly 2.00pm

Bring your Pet afternoon

A huge thank you to all of the parents and family members who brought along their pets yesterday. All of the children had a wonderful time visiting the pets and learnt so much. It was a very successful afternoon.

Online payments

You will be receiving information next week about how you can make payments for swimming and school trips online. It will be very straightforward to use and make life a lot easier for everyone as you will be able to pay by card on the system.

Golden Mile

The children ran their first Golden Mile today after the Easter Break. We were a little bit rusty and out of puff by the end. Please make sure that your child has trainers in school from the beginning of next week as we will all be taking part in the mile.

Frozen Fridays

Much to the excitement of the children Frozen Fridays started again this week. **Please collect your child from their class before popping to get your ice-cream.**

Awards this week go to:

Well done to everyone who received an award this week.

Special Awards:

George Wedge, Tommy Martin, Luca Rowe, Oliver Willets, Willow Mellon-Kelly, Shayla Mallett, Amelia Carlson, Molly Keane and Niamh Burgess

Presentation Awards:

Jasmine Neale, Sophia Carlson, Alice Kemp, Fearn Wachter and Amelie Rowley.

Bookworm Award:

Ewan Wachter, Aden MacDonald, Summer Passfield and Jack Cornell.

Headteacher Award:

Brooke Euesden and Emelia Tebbey

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

Mrs Kerrell