



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #6 Friday 7th October 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.

Photos

It's that time of year again! The children will be having their individual and family photos taken on Monday.

If you have a pre-school child and wish to have a family photo taken, you are welcome to come and have this done from 8.15am. If your children are in school, family photos will be taken together so no need to come early.

Please make sure that your child wears their school jumper.

Parent View

We do like to know your thoughts and feelings about the school and how your child is getting on. We always encourage parents to speak to us directly if there is a concern so that we can work with you to address it.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to log on to **Parent View-** www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk where you will have an opportunity to record your thoughts about different aspects of the school.

At the moment we only have 19 responses and with 118 children we would like to have more so that the results reflect everyone's perspective. Using the outcomes we will look at ways in which we can get even better.

Smile Boxes

It is the time of year again for Smile Boxes too! As many of our parents will know this is a tradition that has been going on in our school for over 20 Years. George Mills, one of our local residents, visits a children's home in the Ukraine and helps children who are very disabled and who have virtually nothing.

If you could wrap a shoe box in some Christmas paper and fill it with some toys and treats for the children that would be fantastic. The basics such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste are also greatly appreciated if you could pop these items in too please.

We will be having our Smile Box Assembly on the morning of the 20th October at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend as there will be no Celebration Assembly this week.

Open afternoons and mornings for our new intake in 2017

Would you like to be a Unicorn?

If you have a little one or know someone who has a little one, who is starting school next September, do please let them know about our Open Afternoons and Mornings. We will be welcoming potential new parents and unicorns to school on the following dates:

Tuesday 8th November: 1.30pm
Thursday 10th November: 9.30am
Wednesday 23rd November: 9:30am
Wednesday 30th November: 1.30pm

Letter from Tim Coulson

We were delighted to receive a very special letter from Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner this week. A letter from Joe Jones, our Chair of Governors, explaining more about it, has gone home with your child today. We would really appreciate you taking the time to read it as it is something for us all to be very proud of.

Thanks to our FOBS team

A huge well done to all of our parents who gave up so much of their time last weekend to help with the circus. I would like to extend special thanks to:

Sally Beanland, Clare Ditchman, Anna and Sven Steinbauer and Alice and Felix who were such brilliant helpers. Vikki Green and her husband, sons and Prudence. Michelle Smith, John Willets, Julie Goldsworthy, Andrea Mobsy and Mark Aston.

Many of these parents worked both days from 9.30am-6.30pm and I am delighted to tell you that with all of their hard work and dedication that we raised £1700 for the Fobs Fund.

I have emailed you the most recent letter from Sally Beanland. This letter gives lots of information about forthcoming events.

Outstanding Writing

A huge well done to Lola Bray who sent her Rainforest poem off to The Young Writers Association. Lola wrote this poem in the Summer term in school, when she was in Year 5.

Not only was the poem published, it was chosen as the best poem out of all of the poems in the book. Congratulations to Lola, she is such an inspiration to all of the children. We are all incredibly proud of you.

We have updated the website and will be putting Lola's excellent work on there soon.

New Winter Menu

Theresa and I have agreed the new winter menus and these have been sent out today. If you haven't received them then do please let the office know. They are also available to view on the school website.

Mad Science Club

We do not have enough people to run the club at present. We still need two more children. If you are interested it will start on Monday 17th October and will cost £60 for 8 sessions. The club will run from 3.15-4.15pm on Mondays if it goes ahead.

Harvest Festival

This was such a wonderful special assembly this week. The children were just fantastic and displayed so many amazing talents.

As is the tradition we would like to collect some food to send to the Braintree Foodbank. Thank you to parents who have already sent in packets and jars. If you do feel that you could make a small donation of a tin or a packet of something that would be wonderful. Please send all donations in before next Friday.

Safety outside at drop off and pick up

A few parents have mentioned their concerns to me about dangerous parking at drop off and pick up time. One parent was also especially worried about another parent who was driving and talking on their mobile phone as she approached the school and then parked their car.

Our children's safety is of course our number one priority. We would

appreciate everyone working together to do their best to make sure that we are ensuring this.

Awards this week go to:

Special Awards:

Benjamin Yarrow, Henry Winsborough, Aimee Brignull Stanley Ross, Anyisia Ledgerton-Wright, Harry McGregor, Oliver Edmonds and Prudence Green.

Presentation Awards:

Alice Silvester, Archie Bullock, Jessica Asher-Andrews and Maisie Francis

Reading Awards:

Charlotte Crow, Olive North
George Needham and Olivia Speight.

Well done to you all.

Important dates for the remainder of Autumn Term

Monday 10th October

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 11th October

Immunisations for **Whole School**

Thursday 20th October

Smile Box Assembly

Friday 21st October

Non-Pupil Day

Monday 23rd October

Half Term week

Monday 31st October

Halloween Disco

Monday 7th November

Parents Consultation Evenings week

Tuesday 6th December

Nativity Play 9.30am

Thursday 8th December

Nativity Play 1.30pm

Friday 9th December

Panto Trip

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December

Carol Concert in the church 6.00pm

Tuesday 20th December

Class Christmas Parties

Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Disco

Our new Reception children will join us in Celebration Assembly after half term.

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

Mrs Kerrell