



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #7 Friday 14th 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.

Smile Boxes

It is the time of year again for Smile Boxes! 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 to help 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. Please send a Smile Box in with your child on this day. Parents are welcome to attend as there will be no Celebration Assembly this week.

Unicorn's tiny assembly

The Reception Unicorns have been working so hard on their songs, rhymes and stories over the last five weeks. They are very keen to share these with their parents. We will therefore have a very small show, at the same time as the bigger Smile Box Assembly, in the Unicorn Classroom (we will take Unicorn Smile Boxes to George afterwards).

This will take place in Unicorn Class at 9.30am on Thursday 20th October.

Awarding of Special Badges

We will be having a special Awards Assembly for our Prefects, School Councillors, School Ambassadors and House Captains when we give them their badges. This will take place on the first Friday after half term, the 4th November. I do hope that parents can make it along.

Parents Evenings

We have sent letters home today, with the children, about Parent Consultation Evenings. Please select an appointment slot and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Your child may attend this consultation with you (all Year groups) so that we can share the successes of the term so far and all jointly agree targets for the forthcoming year.

Parent View

A huge thank you for your support with this. It is super to have now received 50 responses. This has given us some really important data to help us with our school improvement. Parents will also have the opportunity to complete a more detailed written questionnaire at Parents Evenings.

When we look at our responses for the Year 2015/2016, I am delighted to tell you that over 90% of parents would recommend our school. I think this is something that we should be proud of and which we have all worked hard together to achieve.

If you haven't yet had a chance to leave feedback then we would appreciate you taking time to do this. The website is:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

You will have an opportunity to record your thoughts about different aspects of the school. It only takes a few moments to complete.

Half Term Competition

In our assembly today the children got to watch a Live Feed from the Puffin Academy. Clare Balding was narrating her new book, *The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop*.

Children... we will be having a competition over Half Term for you to enter a picture and some writing about a horse that is special to you. You could also make a story up and illustrate it. We will have two categories, Reception/ Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. The winner in each category will receive a copy of Clare's new book and we will also purchase a copy for the Library.

Entries should be sent in by Wednesday 2nd November at 3.00pm. The winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 4th November.

Braintree Foodbank

As is the tradition at this time of year, we would like to collect some food to send to the Braintree Foodbank. 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 Thursday 20th October.

Dinner Money

Diane in the office would be grateful if parents could please pay dinner money in the week that their child has school dinners. With monies

outstanding, she is finding it tricky to balance the books.

Awards this week go to:

Special Awards:

Charlotte Kybert, Alice Steinbauer, Amber Hine, Rosie Collins, Emma Brignull, Isaac Condron, James Coxall and Grace O'Connor.

Presentation Awards:

Marlo Nolan-Glasford, Chloe Thomson, Thomas Williams, Zak Hall.

Reading Awards:

Lucca Manning, Alice Kemp, Jack Cornell and Daisy Chignell.

Headteachers Award:

Alice and Felix Steinbauer.

Well done to you all.

Some important dates for this term:

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

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

Mrs Kerrell