



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter #8 Friday 21st 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.

### Growth Mindset

What a busy Half Term this has been! I think we are all ready for a well - deserved rest.

I am excited to tell you about the next step on our journey to helping your child to be the best that they can be. **Our focus next Half Term will be on how to increase children's progress through the development of a Growth Mindset.**

We hope you can come along to a very important information meeting on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.30am.** We would like to tell you more, as your support at home will be vital to ensuring success. We do hope that you can attend, as Growth Mindset is going to be a big part of helping your child to reach their full potential.

### Curriculum and Tapestry for Unicorns

Now that our Unicorns have settled in so beautifully, we would like to tell our Reception parents more about the Early Years Curriculum. We will have a meeting for you on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.00am in the Zen Room.** We will also be explaining Tapestry, an electronic way of us and you being able to view and share your child's experiences.

Do please take lots of photos in the holidays which you will then be able to send to us after you have attended the meeting. You are of course most welcome to then stay and enjoy the meeting about Growth Mindset.

### Smile Boxes

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in a Smile Box. George was delighted and was so impressed with the questions that the children asked.

We collected a huge 105 Smile Boxes this year! These boxes will bring so much joy to so many children and families in the hospital that George visits.

### REALLY WELL DONE EVERYONE!

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm. I do hope that parents can make it along.

### Parents Evenings

Parent Consultation Evening appointment times will be sent out on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We do still have many parents who have not returned their slip. This meeting is very important as we want to work together with you to set targets for your child.

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 these targets for the forthcoming year.

## Vacancy

Sadly Mrs Ridge in the kitchen will be leaving us in November. She has worked hard for our school and we will be very sad to see her move on to a new role.

**We do therefore have a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant.** The main element of the role will be making cakes and desserts and helping Theresa to get ready for the lunchtime service. The hours will be 9.00am-11.00am Monday to Friday, with the possibility of some additional hours. Salary on application and uniform will be provided. If you would like to apply please see the office for an application form.

## Half Term Competition

In our assembly last Friday 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.00pm. The winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Bug Club

If your child has not already done so please make sure that they log on to Bug Club over the holidays. It is such an excellent tool to help them improve their reading skills. We have added

more books for children who have been reading avidly-well done!

## Pumpkins

Mrs Atkinson has asked if parents could please bring in their Halloween Pumpkins once they have finished with them after 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Uniform

We would be grateful if parents could make sure that all of their child's school uniform (including shoes) is clearly labelled. If you are using second hand uniform and need to remove the previous child's name, then do please remember to write your child's name in. A permanent marker pen is by far the easiest way to do this as it doesn't come off in the wash!

## Some important dates for this term:

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Halloween Disco

### NEW!

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

9.00am Unicorn Curriculum Meeting

9.30am Growth Mindset Meeting

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Parents Consultation Evenings week

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Nativity Play 9.30am

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Nativity Play 1.30pm

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Panto Trip

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Concert in the church 6.00pm

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Class Christmas Parties

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Christmas Disco

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and restful Half Term holiday

*Mrs Kerrell*