



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #1 Friday 8th September 2017

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 back

Welcome to the new school year everyone. What a tremendous start the children have made to the new year already! I would like to thank you for making sure that your child was so well prepared for school this week - it really makes a difference to their confidence.

It has been great to see the children looking very smart in their school uniforms. They all look very shiny and new! We have received some amazing holiday homework which is making the classroom displays look fantastic! The children are already taking pride in their achievements. If your child has not yet sent in their homework then please do this by Monday so that they can be included.

School security and fencing

As you know the safety and security of the children is our number one priority. You may be aware that we had plans in the summer to upgrade the fencing and the gates at the front and back of the school during the holidays. This is still going to go ahead but we are waiting for planning permission to be granted. Unfortunately we can't proceed until we have this in place.

School website and communication

The website is the best place to go if you have any questions. Hopefully the answers are on there but if not Diane and Heather are always happy to help in the office.

If you do have a concern then please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

New Unicorns

We are so excited to welcome our new Unicorns to the school. Please remember that it is mornings only next week. Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Perry have loved being able to visit everyone and would like to extend their thanks to parents who have made them so welcome.

Earphones

Over the last two years we have spent nearly £500 on headphones for the children to use with the ipads. Sadly they do not last and just keep getting broken. We are therefore asking parents to send in some simple earphones for their child which we can keep label up and keep in school. You may find that you have some sitting around the house so we would be grateful if you could send these in by Wednesday next week.

PE Kits

Sports lessons started this week. Please make sure that your child has their labelled PE Kit in school. 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 must be removed, as we are unable to tape ears now for health and safety reasons.

FOBS

We hope that you can make it along to the welcome BBQ which we are having, to welcome everyone and especially our new parents to the new school year. We will be opening the pool and we are hoping to have Premier Sports to organise some team games. This will be on Saturday 23rd September from 12-4pm.

Sally Beanland our FOBS Chair has also sent out a very important letter today about the future of our PTA. It is very important that all parents read this please.

I am sorry to share the news with you that some of the FOBS are stepping down from their roles. Sally Beanland has been an amazing chairperson for the last two years. Her energy, determination and support for the school have kept everyone moving forwards, which has been difficult this year with only 6 FOBS members. As Sally says in her letter, there is a danger of us no longer having a PTA if people do not step up to help when we have our AGM. **The AGM will take place on Thursday 28th September at 7pm.** Do please come along as FOBS needs support or unfortunately we will not be in a position to have the PTA next year.

Andrea Mobsby and Anna Steinbauer are also stepping down. Again these ladies have worked very hard fundraising over the last two years and should be very proud of all that they have achieved.

I would like to sincerely thank these ladies for all of their hard work.

Clubs

Early morning clubs, exactly as we had them last year, will begin next week for Years 2-5. They start at 8.00am and are free. We have Netball

on Tuesdays, Football on Wednesdays and Dance on Fridays.

After school sports clubs will start week beginning the 18th September.

Teachers clubs will start week beginning 3rd October. More information will follow.

Roald Dahl Day

Next Friday is Roald Dahl Day. We would like the children to come to school dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl character please. We will also have a special lunch that day, Doc Spencer's cod with lizards (fish and chips) and a plate of soil with engine oil (brownie and custard).

Bikeability

Our Year 6 children will take part in Bikeability next Thursday and Friday to help them get road safety ready. Year 6 parents should have had a letter with information about what the children will need for the two days. If you have any questions please contact the office. On the Friday it might be best for year 6 not to dress up too elaborately for Roald Dahl Day.

Macmillan Cancer

We will once again be holding our Great Bardfield Bake Off competition to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. The competition will be launched on Monday 18th September and entries should be in by 9.00am on the Thursday 21st September. We will be holding a coffee morning in the hall, hosted by the Year 6 children, on the same day from 10.00am. We do hope that you can come along and support this wonderful charity which helps so many people who are dealing with the challenge of battling cancer.

Online Payment

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we have made the transition to the online payment system. We hope that you have got used to it now and that you are finding it makes life easier. We

will use the online payment system now to collect all money for dinners, trips, swimming and music lessons.

Reading with your child

There has been lots of brilliant reading going on over the holidays - well done everyone for reading but please remember to get those diaries signed.

BUG CLUB is an excellent resource and a fun way for your child to read. Please encourage your child to log on and have a go. Every child should have access to the programme. If you do have problems signing your child on please do let your child's class teacher know.

School Dinners

We are continuing with the summer menu up to half term. We are on Week 2 next week.

Wet weather

Please make sure that your child has a waterproof with them if it looks like rain. The weather has been a bit unpredictable this week.

Assemblies

We will have our first Celebration Assembly next Friday 15th September but no assembly on Friday 22nd September as Mrs Kerrell is at a meeting.

Please remember that our new Unicorns will not join us in Celebration Assembly until after Half Term.

Forthcoming Dates

Teachers met earlier this week and we have agreed the following dates for this term.

Thursday 14th September

Bikeability Year 6

Friday 15th September

Roald Dahl Day and Bikeability Year 6

Monday 18th September

Beginning of Great Bardfield Bake-Off

Thursday 21st September

Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by Year 6

Saturday 23rd September

Welcome BBQ

Tuesday 26th September

Meet the teacher welcome meeting

Thursday 28th September

PTA-AGM (Please try to attend)

Thursday 5th October

Harvest Festival 9.30am

Thursday 12th October

Unicorns Tapestry meeting

School Council

Well done to the following children who have been elected by their classmates as our new School Council members:

William Brandl, Freya Campbell, Sofie Thomson, Poppy Rowley, Sebastian Venner, Alice Steinbauer, George Wedge and Jasmine Neale

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

Mrs Kerrell