



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter #12 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.

### Christmas Extravaganza

It's nearly time! We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our Christmas Extravaganza on Sunday. Earlier this week we sent you a programme so that you could see the wonderful things that we have to look forward to at the Extravaganza.

We will kick off the afternoon with a lights switch on and carols around the Christmas tree. The children have all been practising so do please join us from 12 noon.

There will be something for everyone, stalls, crafts, food and of course Father Christmas. We have attached the list of prizes for you to have a look at too - there are some amazing ones this year!

### Christmas Post Box

We will have our traditional post box in reception from Monday next week. If you have any special cards to post please pop them in there and our Year 6 elves will sort and deliver them.

### Christmas Movies

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December we will have a two screen movie experience! We will be showing Arthur Christmas for Key Stage One children in Mrs Crow's classroom and Home Alone for Key Stage 2 children in Pegasus classroom. This is a PG movie so we

will need parental permission please when you sign up your child. The cost will be £2.50 which will include a drink and a hotdog.

### Parking

Sadly one of our parents bumped her car this week outside school, because of the chaotic parking that is happening around school at pick up.

We would therefore ask parents to be considerate of everyone's safety and to park with care at drop off and pick up times please.

### Christmas Parties/ Jumper Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our usual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

This is also the same day as the children's Christmas parties. Each class will have a sign-up sheet on their class room door for festive treats. As the children will be in non-uniform, in their Christmas Jumpers, there will be no need to send in any additional party clothes.

### Cold weather

Some of the children have been very cold at lunch times this week when they have been playing out in the chilly weather. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat and hat and gloves so that they don't get

uncomfortable when they are out playing. Also please remember to pop socks in your child's PE bag especially if they are wearing tights. Sockless 'outside' PE isn't much fun in the cold.

### **Sickness Bug**

Many of our children (and some of our adults) have been laid low this week with a nasty sickness and diarrhoea bug.

If your child has been vomiting or has diarrhoea we would ask that they stay away from school for 48 hours. This will stop germs spreading to any other children or adults. Thank you.

### **After School Clubs**

Cookery and Reading Gladiators; the dates for these clubs are as follows:

#### **Cookery Club**

5<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Reading Gladiators**

12<sup>th</sup> December

Do please remember that we lock the side gate whenever we have a sports club going on and that most after school clubs finish at 4.00pm. We try to man the office until 4.15pm everyday but on occasion Heather or Diane may need to be temporarily somewhere else in the school.

If you are collecting from After School Club before 4pm on Tuesdays or Wednesdays please make sure that you have your phone so that you can ring Pat at the After School Club if there is nobody in the office.

### **Celebration Assembly**

We will be at the pantomime next week so there will not be a Celebration Assembly.

### **Non Uniform Days**

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** we will have our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Please donate £1.00 to wear non-school uniform in aid of Save The Children.

### **Careers Fair**

As part of our work with the DEEP Partnership of schools (Dunmow Excellence in Education Partnership) our Year 5 pupils have been invited to take part in a Careers Fair in March 2018.

We need some help with exhibitors please. If you would be available to come and talk to children about your job we would be very grateful. The date is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please let the school office know if you would like to take part in this.

### **Helpers for the Extravaganza**

We need volunteers to help on Sunday to man some of the stalls please. Even if you can only spare half an hour it would make a big difference. Please email Sam Carlson at [SAMCARLSON40@gmail.com](mailto:SAMCARLSON40@gmail.com) or contact the school office to let us know that you can help and at what time.

### **Shop 'til You Drop**

Shop 'til You Drop, will take place in the afternoon of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. More information will follow.

### **Cake Sales**

Thank you to everyone for baking and helping to man the cake sales this half term. You have helped to raise extra money for each class's budget.

**Look out for more next term!**

## School Photographs

The school photographers are offering an 'early bird' discount for orders before 5 December. Please have a look at your child's photos at [www.pret-a-portrait.net](http://www.pret-a-portrait.net), entering the sitting ID you were sent. If you click on your child's photograph, it will bring up a selection of photographs that were taken. If you have mislaid your sitting ID, please contact the school office for the information. We earn valuable commission from the sale of photographs so really appreciate the support we get.

## Christmas Celebrations

We have now set the dates for our Christmas festivities:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Christmas Extravaganza 12-4pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Cinema Club

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Pantomime

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Nativity (9.30am)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Nativity (1.30pm)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Parties

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Shop 'til you drop

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Last day of Autumn term

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a great Weekend.

*Mrs Kerrell*

GREAT BARDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
- PRESENTS -  
**Christmas  
EXTRAVAGANZA**  
SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER - 12-4PM

**REFRESHMENTS  
INCLUDE:**  
Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate  
and Mince Pies, Turkey &  
Stuffing Rolls, Licenced Bar  
with Ale  
from Shalford  
Brewery.

**ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDE:**  
Christmas Carols around our  
Wishing Tree, Santa's Grotto with  
a photo, Grand Christmas Raffle,  
Local stalls & Christmas crafts  
for children.

IN AID OF OUR SWIMMING POOL AND CHANGING ROOMS