



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #22 Friday 23rd February 2018

The newsletter will be circulated to all parents every Friday. Newsletters are also held centrally at the School Office and are on the website.

Top 2% in England!

We were very honoured this week to receive a letter from the RT HON Nick Gibb Minister of State for school standards, congratulating us on being in the top 2% of English schools for progress. This was based on the outcomes of last year's KS2 SATS in English, reading, writing and mathematics. We are immensely proud of this achievement. The letter is available on the school website.

Parents Evening

You will receive your child's half year report today along with a letter which explains the grid that we use to show progress and attainment.

Please bring the report with you next week to your Parents Evening appointment as it will form the basis of the discussion with your child's teacher. Appointments are 10 minutes long and we would ask that if you do need to discuss something in more depth that you make a separate appointment. We ask that children do not attend this meeting please.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR TUTORING NEXT WEEK.

Before school clubs and music lessons will go ahead as normal.

Music Assembly

A huge well done to everyone who took part in our music assembly this afternoon. We have so many talented musicians. Also a big thank you to Mrs Carey for organising all of the children's playing and singing. We are looking forward to lots more opportunities to show off our musical talents in the future.

NSPCC

On Monday we will be having the NSPCC visit us in school in the morning to deliver two assemblies, one for EYFS and KS1 and one for KS2. They will also deliver a workshop for Years 5 and 6. They will be talking to the children about how to stay safe, what is and isn't appropriate contact from an adult and what they should do if they don't feel safe or if someone asks them to do something that they don't want to do.

More information can be found in the letter which we are emailing home with the newsletter tonight. I appreciate that this is a difficult subject and is sadly a sign of the times that we are living in. The NSPCC are delivering this for us as part of their nationwide 'Stay Safe' campaign.

Cake Sale in aid of the NSPCC

The NSPCC does phenomenal work supporting vulnerable children. They are not charging us for the assemblies and workshop that they are delivering so it would be good to raise some money for the charity.

We haven't had a cake sale for a while so we would like to have one next Friday 2nd March after school. Please send in any cake donations on Thursday am/pm or Friday am. It would also be very helpful to have some volunteers to man the stall please.

Spring Fling

FOBS will be hosting discos for the children after school today. The theme will be spring and we would like the children to come in brightly coloured clothes (if they wish) to banish away the dark and dreary days.

The disco for **Reception and KS1** will be 4-5.15pm and for **KS2** 5.30-7pm. We hope to see you there!

Water Bottles

It is really important that the children have access to fresh water every day, throughout the day. Please make sure that you child has a named fresh bottle of water sent in so that they have something to drink.

FOBS

In place of the Pamper Day we have decided to organise a Family Quiz Night. This will be at 6-9pm on Saturday 24th March.

The cost will be £15 per family (2 adults and 3 children) or £5.00 per adult/ £2.50 per child. The cost will include a sausage and mash supper with dessert. There will also be a bar. It is sure to be a really fun evening.

If you would like to come along please purchase your tickets after half term from a member of the FOBS team and tables of up to 10 people should be booked with Julie Goldsworthy at: juworthy@aol.com

If you would like to hear more about the events that FOBS are organising or would like to help in any way do please come along to our next meeting which will be at 7pm on Tuesday 6th March. Alternatively, do let one of the FOBS team know if you can help at any event. FOBS now have a dedicated page on our website where you can find out more about how to contact the team.

World Book Day

As is our tradition we will be having our World Book Day celebration next **Thursday 1st March**. We would love it if each child could please come to school dressed as their favourite story character.

Trips

Just a reminder we have sent home information about the two trips that we will be going on before the end of the Spring Term. On **Thursday 22nd March** we will be taking Unicorns and KS1 children to Hatfield Forest and then on **Tuesday 27th March** we will take KS2 children to The Tower of London. If you have not received a trip letter please contact the school office for more information.

Fire Drills

We may practise an evacuation at the start of the day when parents may still be on the premises or on the playground. If you do hear the fire bell at any point we would ask that you make your way out of the front gate if you are at the front of the school or stand off the playground (next to the little shed by the field) if you are at the rear of the school, whilst we complete our fire drill.

Supervising children

We would ask that children do not play on the large play equipment before and after school please. If your child is having a run around the playground at the end of the day please keep a close eye on them, particularly on the steps, so that accidents can be avoided.

Peggie

As many of you will know our lovely Peggie from Unicorn Class moved away at the end of last half term. Denise Willis, her foster mum, has asked me to extend her sincerest thanks to everyone for giving Peggie such a wonderful send off. Peggie is missing us but is settling in well to her new school.

Forthcoming Dates

Monday 26th February

Parent Teacher Consultation week

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day (Dress Up Day)

Friday 2nd March

Unicorns to show in Assembly

Friday 2nd March

Year 5/6 to Football tournament

Tuesday 6th March

Cookery 3.15-4.30pm

Friday 9th March

Year 1 and 2 to Dance Festival and to show their dance in Assembly

Tuesday 13th March

Year 5 to Careers Fair

Reading Gladiators 3.15-4.00pm

Thursday 15th March

SATS Meeting Year 6

Friday 16th March

Pegasus to show in Assembly

Tuesday 20th March

Cookery 3.15-4.30pm

Thursday 22nd March

KS1 and EYFS to Hatfield Forest

Friday 23rd March

Phoenix to show in assembly

Saturday 24th March

Family Quiz Night 6-9pm

Tuesday 27th March

KS2 visit to The Tower of London

No Teachers Clubs

Thursday 29th March

Last day of the Spring Term

Easter Assembly

Awards

A huge well done to all of the children who have received awards this week.

Golden Awards

Tommy Worrall, Indi Kemp, Ethan Rowe, Richard Vaughan, Alice Steinbauer, Caspar Riche, Chloe Thomson, Aimee Brignull, Ben Pauly and Alice Vaughan

Presentation Awards

Joshua Gurden, Alice Condron, Lucca Manning, Olivia Speight and Phoebe Loe.

Bookworm Awards

Edie Brockwell, Annie Vieira, Eva, Abigail Goldsworthy and Oskar Sansom

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

Mrs Kerrell