



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter #27 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 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.

### Holiday Clubs

I am really pleased that Premier Sports are going to offer **8 days** of holiday clubs over the Easter Break. These will be four days on the first week, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April-Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April and on the second week Monday 9<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The cost is £15.95 per day.

Year 6 children, who are doing the SATS clubs on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April, can stay on and go to the holiday club in the afternoon. This can be booked online at the special price of £8 per afternoon. Please sign up at <https://family.premier-education.com/courses>

### Clubs

Please sign up for new sports clubs next term at <https://family.premier-education.com/courses>

There will be the chance to sign up for teacher's clubs at the start of the new term. Sadly due to my commitments next term, it is not going to be possible to run a regular cookery club. There will be a catch up session after the holidays for the current group and then I will try to run sessions now and then throughout the summer term, with sign up the week before.

### Quiz Night

This was a hugely successful evening! Many thanks to everyone who came along to offer their support. The Hutley-Burgess team were the winners on the night so congratulations to all of them. FOBs **raised over £300** and this will go straight into the fund to upgrade the swimming pool changing rooms.

If you would like to support the school and help to raise vital money for our projects do please let the office know or come along to our next meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

### Unicorn Children

The summer term is all about independence for our Unicorns. After Easter they will line up with all of the other children on the main playground. We have shown the children where to stand so that they can show you on the first day back.

Also our Unicorn children will play on the big playground/ field with all of the other children at break and lunchtimes after the holidays. They will be closely supervised and have a Phoenix buddy for the first few weeks.

Unicorns can also sign up for all the **after** school clubs after the Easter Holidays (with the exception of gymnastics)-exciting times!

## Spring Concert

Our Key Stage 2 children will be performing with The Dunmow Singers at a Spring Concert on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. More information will follow after the holidays.

## Earrings

We would ask that children only have their ears newly pierced please in the Summer Holidays. This allows plenty of time for them to heal without the need to remove earrings.

It is a Local Authority Health and Safety requirement that pupils remove their earrings for PE. They cannot do this if they have just had them pierced.

## Summer Uniform

With the snow now a distant memory and the sun beginning to appear more in the sky you may be thinking about purchasing some summer uniform for your child. Just a reminder of what this should be:

### Girls

White or blue gingham blouse

### Or

White Polo shirt with school logo  
Navy Blue School cardigan or jumper  
Grey or navy school skirt/ pinafore/  
shorts

### Or

Gingham dress/ all in one/ two piece  
White socks or grey/ navy tights  
**FLAT** Black School shoes or Navy closed in sandals  
(No open toed shoes, Crocs or bright coloured sandals or trainers please)  
Blue or white **small** hair accessories

### Boys

White school shirt

### Or

White Polo shirt with school logo  
Navy Blue School jumper or fleece  
Grey or black school trousers/ shorts  
Black School shoes or navy sandals  
(No open toed shoes, Crocs or trainers please)

We would also ask that children do not wear any make up or nail varnish to school.

Jewellery should be a small wristwatch (no apple watches please) and small, plain stud earrings. No bracelets or necklaces please.

## Parent view

We would be really grateful if you could spare a view minutes to complete a quick questionnaire about the school on the OFSTED website. Please click on this link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

## Forthcoming Dates

**Monday and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April**

**SATs Clubs 9am-12 noon**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

First day of summer term.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Spring Concert 7pm

## The Station

**As we are a reflective school I wanted to share this beautiful poem with you. I heard it last Friday for the first time and I think it sums up the importance of being optimistic at this time of year:**

*Tucked away in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long, long trip that almost spans the continent. We're traveling by passenger train, and out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hills, of biting winter and blazing summer and cavorting spring and docile fall.*

*But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. There will be bands playing, and flags waving. And once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true. So many wishes will be fulfilled and so many pieces of our lives finally will be neatly fitted together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering ... waiting, waiting, waiting, for the station. However, sooner or later we must realize there is no one station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.*

*"When we reach the station that will be it!" we cry. Translated it means, "When I'm 18, that will be it! When I buy a new 450 SL Mercedes Benz, that will be it! When I put the last kid through college, that will be it! When I have paid off the mortgage, that will be it! When I win a promotion, that will be it! When I reach the age of retirement, that will be it! I shall live happily ever after!"*

*Unfortunately, once we get it, then it disappears. The station somehow hides itself at the end of an endless track.*

*"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. Rather, it is regret over yesterday or fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who would rob us of today.*

*So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot oftener, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more and cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.*

**Robert J. Hastings**

### **Another positive term...**

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the second term of the school year already! Time moves along so quickly. As always there is so much to be thankful for; we have had another fantastic term with the children.

Highlights of this term have included the two recent trips we have been on. The younger children had the most amazing time at Hatfield Forest and the older children an exciting trip into the heart of the capital, to The Tower of London. Children gain so much from these trips in addition to their educational value. They have to learn to be organised and independent, keep themselves safe by following instructions and often one of the best bits of the trip is the coach journey itself. There is also a sense of togetherness and shared excitement which is so important in building the children's social skills. All of the photos from the last few weeks of school will be available on our website soon.

We enjoyed meeting with you earlier this term to discuss your child's progress and we are very pleased with the way the children are trying so hard to achieve their best. We are very proud to be in the top 2% of English schools for progress.

Next term we have lots to look forward to-it is always the busiest term! We are already planning our trip to Frinton in the second half of the summer term. Of course our Year 6 children will have their SATS and then their much anticipated trip to The Isle of Wight. The summer term will also give us an opportunity for more outside sport and learning experiences.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a restful and joyful Easter Holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

*Mrs Kerrell*