



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter #4 Friday 29th 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.

### A New Chair of Governors

You may remember that Joe Jones who has been our Chair of Governors for the last two years, took the difficult decision to stand down at the recent Full Governing Body Meeting. Joe has worked incredibly hard for the school in her time as Chair and felt that as her children have moved on to high school, that it was time to let someone else take the reins.

I am delighted to tell you that Jane Tillotson, one of our long standing Governors, who knows the school well and who has been a key support over many years, has been voted in as our new Chair of Governors. Clare Parker, who is also a strong and hardworking member of the Governing Body, will remain as our Vice Chair.

Jane has written a few words of introduction to accompany our newsletter this week and these can be read as an additional note.

### A New FOBs Team

It was wonderful to see so many new faces at the PTA AGM on Thursday evening. There was such a sense of enthusiasm and determination which was really encouraging as it means that all of the things that we regularly do such as Shop 'til You Drop can now continue. The new team have also got some fresh ideas for other events which is fantastic. We said a sad farewell to Sally Beanland who has worked very hard to support the school over the last two years.

This year the really small team raised well over £8,000 which went straight to providing things for the children; we could not have run swimming this year without funds from the PTA to pay for the new pool boiler.

I am looking forward to working with this great group but we still do need you. We also need more men to join the group. We have decided not to appoint a Chair but rather to run the events as a team. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm with refreshments.

The plan at this meeting is to discuss the forthcoming Christmas events (less than 100 days now!) and the Halloween Disco. Please come along.

### Welcome BBQ and fun swim

What a fantastic afternoon this was. It was wonderful to see so many new parents and current parents chatting and enjoying the sunshine while the children played or had a splash in the pool. The event raised £275 which paid for our new BBQ.

### Harvest Festival

Everyone is invited to a special Harvest Assembly next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. Our Unicorns will bring gifts at the start of assembly but will not be staying in. **As we do every year, we would appreciate any donations of dry or tinned food which we will donate to a local Foodbank.** Please pop your donations in the box in the Reception.

## Clubs

Thank you for returning your club sign up slip. You will have received a text today letting you know if your child has been successful in getting a place at a teacher club.

Unfortunately we have not had enough response to run the Key Stage Two Cookery Club or the Comic Club.

Sadly we have not had enough response for Mad Science either so we will not be running this club.

## Smile Boxes

I am delighted to tell you that we have been in touch with our dear friend George Mills and he will be coming along to a very special Smile Box Assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.

For our new parents and anyone who doesn't know about Smile Boxes, every year we invite a gentleman called George Mills into school. George leads a relief project for deprived and disabled children in Ukraine who are suffering the outcomes of the Chernobyl disaster. George works with a hospital and a hospice to support these children and their families.

We help by gathering as many lovely things (no food items or sweets please) in a shoe box that is covered with Christmas wrapping paper. The everyday essentials such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, pants, vests and socks are also deeply appreciated by the families.

The Smile Box that you create is often the only thing that the family have to open on Christmas Day when it is put in the middle of their table. Everyone takes a turn at taking something out of the box and the sense of excitement and gratitude that these families feel, that someone has taken the time to think about them, is very humbling.

We have 120 children in our school. It would be wonderful if we could give George at least 120 boxes. Every child is invited to bring their box into school on the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. It would be lovely if your child could write a little note and pop it inside (no names and addresses please). The boxes then come to the assembly for George before we load them all into his car. He then takes them to be put into a van to be taken to Ukraine, in time for Christmas.

We do really hope that you can help your child to support this really worthy cause.

## Playground Access

We would be grateful if children could be reminded to walk sensibly on the playground in the mornings. Some of the children are running and charging up the ramp after the gate has been opened. The ground is a bit uneven and slippery in places and we don't want any accidents happening. Also please encourage your child to walk on the playground at the end of the day.

Just a reminder that children should not be riding bikes or scooters on the playground at the start and end of the day or playing ball games.

## Earrings and Jewellery

We would be grateful if your child's earrings could be removed on the day that they have PE. This will save them having to be taken out in school and possibly getting lost.

Please remember that other jewellery is not part of school uniform. Children may wear small stud earrings and a watch to school.

## Open Days

We will be offering new parents the opportunity to come and look around the school on the following days:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.00am**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm**

## Parking

Parking still remains a concern outside school at drop off and pick up times. We would ask that you park safely and with consideration for the local residents.

## Cake Sales

Following on from the success of last week's cake sale. We will be having class cake sales this term. We would ask that parents get together to organise these please as the money comes directly to each class to buy additional materials such as books and art materials that we cannot afford in the budget. The order will be:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October Phoenix Class**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Pegasus Class**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Dragon Class**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December Unicorn Class.**

The cakes will be sold after school from underneath the canopy outside Dragon Class.

## Forthcoming Dates

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival 9.30am

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Unicorns Tapestry meeting 9.00am

Cinema Club (whole school)

FOBS Meeting 7.00pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Cake Sale-Phoenix Class

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Smile Box Assembly 2.00pm

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Halloween Discos

## Open Morning at HRS

Helena Romanes School would like to invite parents and children to their Open Morning tomorrow from 9.30am-1.00pm.

## Awards

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

### Golden Awards

Annie Loe, Annie Vieira , Jemima Aston, Harry Ricca, Jack Cornell, Molly Keane, Harry McGregor And Thomas Chapman.

### Presentation Awards

Isla Goldsworthy, Oliver Willetts, Olivia Speight and Lottie Crow.

### Bookworm Awards

Kitty Rubbins, Aden MacDonald, Rosie Collins and Skye King.

### Headteacher Award

Jay Davidson.

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

*Mrs Kerrell*