



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter #5 Friday 6th October 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.

### Harvest Festival

What a wonderful assembly we had this week to celebrate Harvest. There was such a sense of community, with everyone in our school coming together to celebrate this special time of year for our village. The children sang beautifully, with enthusiasm as always, and shared their work. The poems that the children wrote were fantastic and these are on display in the hall. Do please read them if you get a chance.

Thank you to everyone who dropped in a tin or a packet as donations for the local foodbank. Thanks also to Teresa and the kitchen team who cooked us some beautiful bread, making our school crest shine in golden crust!

### Cinema Club

We will be having our Cinema Club next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October when we will show the movie Inside Out. Pick up is at 5.00pm. If you would like your child to attend please pay £2.50 to the office and this will also cover them having a hot dog and a drink. All of the children are welcome to attend this club.

### Mrs Atkinson's Club

We didn't have enough take up for Comic Club so Mrs Atkinson would like to offer a Making Club instead. This is

open to Years 1-4. It will run on Tuesdays from 3.15-4.00pm. If you would like to sign your child up please do this at the office. Mrs Atkinson's club will start next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, if we have enough people.

### Halloween Disco

FOBS will be organising spooky Halloween Discos on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. We will have a Disco for Key Stage One and a separate disco for Key Stage 2. Please see the attached Flyer for more information.

### Christmas Pudding Labels

This was such a success the last time we did it so we have decided to run the competition again. Please complete your design on the entry form attached and return to the office by the 1<sup>st</sup> November. The winning design will be turned into a special pudding label and the winner will be awarded with their very own pudding.

### 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 the 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. 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 The Ukraine, in time for Christmas.

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

### **Times of the school day**

Just a reminder about the timings of the school day, as some parents have been asking about this. The first bell in the morning rings at 8.50am and registers close at 9.00am after which

time your child will be late and they must report to the office please to be signed in.

At the end of the day, Reception and Key Stage One finish at 3.05pm and Key Stage 3.10pm. This should allow time to collect children from the rear and front playgrounds.

Please try to collect your child on time as this then avoids them becoming anxious when there is no-one there to collect them.

**Only Year 6 children are allowed to walk home on their own, with prior agreement between parents and Mrs Aldred.**

### **Meetings with Staff**

We are always happy to meet with parents to talk through any concerns you may have. If this is a very quick chat then that is fine on the playground at the beginning and end of the day. However anything more in depth will need a meeting please.

We would kindly ask that parents do not come into school before 8.45am to speak to any member of staff without a prior appointment as this is such a busy time of the day.

### **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**

## Cake Sales

We will be having Class Cake sales this term. We would ask that parents get together to organise these please as the money goes 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 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

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Half term week

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Parents Evening week

## Awards

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

### Golden Awards

Jasmine Passfield, Tommy Martin, Eva, Luca Rowe, Joshua McCarthy, Freddie Hewitt, Anyisia Ledgerton-Wright and Oskar Sansom.

### Presentation Awards

Ethan Rowe, George Needham, Archie Bullock and William Thomson.

### Bookworm Awards

Jessica Munn, Alice Steinbauer, Alice Kemp and Freya Campbell.

### Headteacher Award

All of the children for their amazing performance at Harvest Festival.

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

*Mrs Kerrell*