

Great Bardfield School
Friends of Bardfield School

7th January 2016

Dear All

Happy new year.

Thank you to everyone who came along to or helped out at our Christmas Crafts event before Christmas. It was an awesome success and raised over £500 for the school. The money has gone toward paying for the school panto visit 2016. Thank you to our local Santa who not only visited the school but also The Nurture Barn and helped raise £100 for us.

Below are details of our upcoming events – it's all very exciting and we have lots of new events for everyone to join in.

As always, we are looking for more idea's, volunteers and helpers so please come forward and let us know what you are able to help with.

Nearly New Sale – 9th Feb 3.15-5pm – straight after school in the school hall.

Mel Simms is organising this event for FOBS and will send out more information. An opportunity to sell and buy nearly new clothes, toys etc – school age, maternity. Can you please keep everything, toys, clothes, bikes, books after the Christmas 'dump' of new bits if you are having a clear out for our free Primary School Nearly New Sale.

You will need to drop them off at the school during the first week of Feb in reception.

Pamper Day – Saturday 19th March – school hall and classrooms.

A wonderful afternoon full of relaxing, pampering, cake and friends - for ladies and year 6 girls to be pampered by a number of qualified beauty therapists. Fancy a back massage, reiki, manicure, pedicure, eyebrows, reflexology? All will be available at this very popular event.

We are looking for qualified therapists – parents have the first opportunity to come forward and for £15 and a raffle prize offer 20 minute sessions at £5 each – meet lots of potential local customers and enjoy the afternoon with lots of friends. If you are interested, you need to contact Megan Hutley-Burgess (Meganburgess@hotmail.co.uk) by 15th January to confirm you space before we speak to outside therapists.

Quiz and Food – Friday 29th April – school hall from 7pm

A fun night for all the family including food and quiz. For £5 a head you will enjoy a 2 course meal and be in teams of up to 8 for our quizmaster and his questions with a team prize being awarded at the end of the night. There will be a bar. Keep an eye out for booking details nearer the evening.

Summer Fete – Saturday 11th June – School field

This is a massive event to organise and lots of help is needed. I am holding a fete meeting after school on Wednesday 13th January – 3.15pm – straight after school in Mrs Kerrell's classroom to which everyone is welcome. A decision has been made to re-think this event and start from scratch. The event has become too big for the current FOBS team to undertake and relies so much on the volunteers and the weather. With this in mind a new and slightly different approach to the fete will

be taken – an activity area, crafts, jam, cake, chutney making competitions, stocks, a dance and gymnastics show – these are all ideas that have been put forward.

I would like a team of volunteers to come forward to organise this event or volunteers to man a stall. All new ideas are very welcome – we want to make this a fun family event. Please either come along to the meeting on the 13th or email me on sallybeanland@hotmail.co.uk

Summer Fete Dog Show – Saturday 11th June – School Field

This will be run alongside the fete. It will be a fun dog show with classes for everyone's dog – from 'the dog that looks most like it's owner', 'the waggiest tail' to 'best dog' and 'best bitch'. Any idea's and help appreciated.

Camping and Games Weekend – Saturday 2nd July – School Field from 2pm

A new and exciting event full of fun for all the family – come along, bring your tent, enjoy a rounder's competition and other games. There will be a BBQ available for supper and breakfast. Camp fire activities – toast marshmallows, make S'mores, sing songs then go to sleep in your tents. More details and booking information available soon.

I hope you agree that we have a fun and varied list of events to look forward to – all monies raised will go towards the school swimming pool that needs a new boiler and a new woodland area for science and pond dipping.

I hope you also appreciate that these events are not only to raise funds for the school but also for you and your family to have fun and make memories.

My two boys Billy and Jake are in year 6 and leave at the end of the summer term for senior school. All I can say is that we cannot believe they are now in their last year at junior school – it seems like yesterday when they joined Gt Bardfield School aged 4. We have so many memories from their time here including all the events the PTA have organised over the years. I wish we could start all over again as I know they will now be growing up into the young men they will become and wont want to spend as much time with their mum and dad. We have our children for such a short time so please join us in helping create as much fun and different experiences for all our children and give them everlasting memories of their short childhood.

Fete meeting – Wed 13th Jan – after school in Mrs Kerrell's class room.

Next FOBS meeting – Wednesday 10th February – after school at 3.15pm in Mrs Kerrells classroom.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me in the playground, call me on 07977 466367 or email me at sallybeanland@hotmail.co.uk

Thanks

Sally x