



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #21 Friday 24th February 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.

Reports and Parents Evenings

You will by now have received your child's mid-year report. Thank you if you have already returned your comments slip. If you haven't yet had a chance, please send it back in as soon as possible as we do value your thoughts and feedback.

As you know Parent Consultation evenings will take place this coming week. Everyone should have a slot with their child's class teacher. We are very pleased with how well the booking system worked. Thank you for your patience with this.

Please remember that children should not attend this consultation evening with the exception of Year 6 children, who may attend.

THERE WILL NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS THIS WEEK. FOOTBALL AND GYMNASSTICS WILL BE ON.

The Golden Mile

On Monday we will be launching a new initiative called The Golden Mile. This is in conjunction with a programme that Active Essex are running and the idea behind it is to encourage the children to be healthier. Also taking regular daily exercise will help with concentration. Many schools in our area are already involved and they have shared lots of positive success stories.

We will initially have the Golden Mile during the mornings on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. After Easter

we will also have the mile on Tuesdays too. To begin with we will just walk but hopefully as we build up stamina, some children may decide that they want to run the Golden Mile. The Golden Mile equates to 5 laps of the school.

All children from Year 1-Year 6 will need to have a pair of trainers in school and a coat appropriate for the weather on the day. We will take part in the Golden Mile come rain or shine.

Our Reception children won't take part until the summer term.

Whole School Trips

I am pleased to share with you details of this term's whole school outing. Our Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 children will all visit The Discovery Centre at Great Notley to take part in separate (age relevant) Science based activities. Our Year 3 and 4 children will visit Colchester Castle as part of their work on The Romans.

These trips will both take place on Monday 27th March and letters with more information will be sent out next week. The cost for the Discovery Centre Trip will be £10 and the cost for The Colchester Castle trip will be £16.00.

Bring Your Pet to School

We are going to be inviting the children to bring their pet to school for the afternoon on Thursday 20th April at

1.30pm. This was very successful the last time we ran it. Application forms will be coming out after half term with information about what animals can come along and what the afternoon will involve for well-behaved pets and their owners.

Maypole Dancing

We are delighted to once again be able to offer an additional club in the run up to May Day. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 are welcome to come along to Maypole Dancing Club on Mondays from 3.15pm-4.00pm. The club will be run by Jasmine and Charmaine Beckett.

If you would like your child to attend please sign a permission form at the school office. The club will start on Monday 5th March.

To take part in the free club your child must be available to attend the May Day Celebrations in Great Saling on Monday 1st May.

FOBs events

FOBs met this morning at their half termly meeting and they are hard at work planning some really exciting events.

There will be an **80s Disco on the Friday 22nd April** in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale from the CO-OP at a very reasonable price of £10 for adults and £7.50 for children which will include supper. Look out for the posters.

Additionally we will be serving burgers and refreshments at **The Garage Sale on the 6th May** and we are very excited about our **Magic Themed Fete on the 10th June**. There is also a **Family Camping Weekend planned for the 8th/9th July**.

So lots to look forward to!

Careers Fair

As last year, our Year 5 children have been invited to attend a Careers Fair on the morning of Tuesday 14th March. This will take place at Dunmow St Marys Primary School.

If any of our parents would be interested in taking part (It is quite informal) please let the office know. It was a really worthwhile event to get involved with last year.

Half Termly Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first FOBs hosted coffee morning on Thursday 9th February. It was great to have a chat about lots of different things both school and non - school. Our next coffee morning will be on Thursday 30th March straight after drop off so please save the date and come along.

Class Assembly Dates

We have had to make a change to the assembly dates as Year 3/4 will be going to meet the author Francesca Simon on the 28th March. Please note the change to the dates below:

Year 2 Dragons-28th February
Year R Unicorns-7th March
Year 1 Pixies-14th March
Year 3/4 Pegasus-21st March
Year 5/6 Phoenix-28th March

Each assembly will begin at 9.30am.

Easter SATS Revision mornings

As in previous years we will be holding two revision mornings for our Year 6 children. This year these will take place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th April. They will begin at 9.00am and finish at 12.00noon. More details will be given to Year 6 parents as we get closer to the dates.

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Also

Monday 27th February

Parents Consultation Evenings begin

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day (Dressing up as a book character)

Monday 27th March

Whole school trip out

Wednesday 28th March-

Year 3/4 meet Francesca Simon

Friday 31st March

Non Pupil Day (Final day of term)

Awards this week go to:

Well done to everyone who received an award this week.

Special Awards:

Alice Condron, Jasmine Passfield, Aden MacDonald, Sophia Carlson, Henry Collins, Shayla Mallett, Bradley Francis, Alfie Holland, Amelie Rowley and Maisie Francis.

Presentation Awards:

George Wedge, George Needham, Darcy Ditchman, Thomas Williams and Grace Needham

Bookworm Award:

Richard Vaughan, Eva, Summer Passfield, Harvey Gilder and Charlotte Rule

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

Mrs Kerrell