



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter #6 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Reception Meeting

Thank you to our Reception parents who were able to make it along yesterday to the meeting. Mrs Atkinson shared some key information about the Early Years curriculum, the important things that parents can be doing to support their child at home and how assessment takes place in Reception.

There was some very useful and important information shared. If you did miss it the power point is now available on the school website. If you have any questions following on from the meeting, Mrs Atkinson will be happy to answer them.

### Clubs and pick up

Sadly there were not enough people to sign up for Making Club so this club will not be running now. Please remember that it is important to pick your child up promptly at the end of the day and especially after a club when they have been in school for a longer time. School clubs finish at 4.00pm with the exception of Cookery and Cinema Club which finish at 5.00pm and Reading Gladiators which finishes at 4.30pm.

### 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, but 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.

### Parents Evening Appointments

Next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, our Parents Evening online appointment system will go live. Parents Evening appointments will be available throughout week beginning the 6<sup>th</sup> November. The system will send you a text and an email explaining how to book an appointment. Of course, if you do have any problems please contact the school office who will try to assist you.

### 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; KS1 and Reception 4.30pm to 6pm and KS2 6.15pm to 7.45pm. The cost is £5.00 which includes sausage in a roll, biscuits, crisps and squash.

### 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.

### Christmas Celebrations

We have now set the dates for our Christmas festivities:

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Non Uniform Day

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Christmas Extravaganza 12-4pm

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Cinema Club

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Pantomime trip

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Nativity (9.30am)

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Nativity (1.30pm)

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Parties

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of Autumn term

### A word from FOBS

I am delighted to share with you that we have had two really successful FOBS meetings with our brand new team. They are bursting with enthusiasm and ideas! There are lots of plans underway for the Halloween Disco and the Christmas Extravaganza.

### **SAVE THE DATE...**

**The Christmas Extravaganza** this year will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 12-4pm. It is set to be a brilliant family event so please put it on your calendar as we want everyone to come along and share in the fun.

FOBS would like to invite Parents to book a stall at our Christmas Extravaganza to sell their crafts/goods at a cost of £15 per stall. We have space for 15 stalls so please book your stall early to avoid disappointment. Please email Cheryl Mellon-Kelly ([cherylmellonkelly@gmail.com](mailto:cherylmellonkelly@gmail.com)) or Sam Carlson ([SAMCARLSON40@gmail.com](mailto:SAMCARLSON40@gmail.com)) to book you place.

Also FOBS would be grateful for donations of materials/clothes to make Christmas bunting for our Christmas Extravaganza. Suggested colours are red, green, gold, and silver, a box will be in reception for donations from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### Open Days

We will be offering new parents the

opportunity to come and look around the school on the following days:

**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 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 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**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
Smile Box Assembly 2.00pm  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**  
Halloween Discos  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Pegasus Cake Sale

**We will now be giving out a hard copy of the newsletter as one per family. You will still have an electronic copy emailed on Friday afternoon.**

### **Awards**

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

### **Golden Awards**

Alice Condron, Richard Vaughan  
Eloise Barlow, George Tebbey, Daisy Chignall and Brooke Euesden.  
(Year 3 and 4 are at a sports tournament today).

### **Presentation Awards**

Honey Hughes, Maisie Clark and

Rosie Wells.

### **Bookworm Awards**

Charlie Daniels, Alice Silvester And  
Phoebe Loe.

### **Headteacher Award**

Alice Vaughan and Jack Cornell

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

*Mrs Kerrell*