



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter No 13 Friday 15th January 2016

The newsletter will be circulated to all parents every Friday. Newsletters are also held centrally at the School Office and are on the website.

Clubs

All clubs will start next week. Please check with your child's class teacher or the office if your child has been accepted onto the club of their choice.

Sports clubs have also started both before and after school.

SATS

This is a very important term for our Year 6 children. It is key that they do not miss any days off school. SATs will take place week beginning Monday 9th May. Please do not book any holidays during this week as we request that your child is in school every day.

We will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 27th January at 6.00pm, to offer some guidance and ideas on how to best support your child.

Mrs Aldred and Mrs Kerrell will be running SATs revision sessions during the Easter Holidays on Monday 4th April and Tuesday 5th April from 9.00am -12.00noon. Please try to keep these dates free.

School Security

We will be tightening our security around school. The side gate will be open until 8.10am every morning and then shut until 8.40am whilst early morning clubs take place.

The gate will then be open from 8.40am through to 9.00am to allow access for the beginning of the school day. At 9.00am the gate will be closed until 3.00pm. If you are late arriving at school or need to get to the back of the school within these times then please report to the school office.

Severe Weather arrangements

It has turned incredibly cold this week and we even had a flurry of snow yesterday. If we do have a heavy fall of snow or if conditions are very icy it may be necessary to close the school. Many staff live a considerable distance from school and may not be able to get to school safely.

We will notify parents via text and on the school website as early as possible if we do decide to close. Parents can also look on the Essex County Council Website for information.

Warm Outdoor Clothes

We will be taking the children outside at break and lunchtimes and it is therefore essential that they have a warm coat, a hat, gloves and a scarf. It is very cold and we want the children to enjoy being outdoors without getting a chill.

Please also make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school. Outdoor kit and shorts for dance indoors.

Water Bottles

We like the children to stay hydrated during the school day as it helps with their concentration. Please send your child to school every day with a refillable water bottle.

Dates for your diary

Key Stage Two children have been invited to take part in a concert with other schools in our Dunmow Cluster on Wednesday 2nd March 2015. Please keep this evening free the venue and time are TBC.

It is World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March and this will be a dressing up as a book character day in school.

On Thursday 15th March we will be taking our Year 5 children to a careers fair at Dunmow St Marys Primary school. This will be during the school day.

Winter Menu

Your child has had a revised winter menu sent home with them today. We have made a few adjustments based on what is popular with the children. We hope that they will enjoy some of the new dishes including chicken wraps.

Keeping in the heat

In an effort to keep as much heat as possible in the classrooms we will be keeping some of the doors closed.

Mrs Spoelstra is keen to invite Unicorn parents in, in the mornings for stay and play. She will open the door to let everyone in but then we would ask parents to shut it as they enter and leave the hallway.

The doors may be closed but we are open for business and want to welcome parents in.

FOBS

Please see a letter attached from our Chair Sally Beanland.

Awards this week go to:

Special Awards:

JEMIMA ASTON, LUCCA MANNING, OLIVIA SPEIGHT, EMMA BRIGNULL, ALICE VAUGHAN, SKYE KING, ALFIE HOLLAND, OSKAR SANSOM, PHOEBE LOE, JAMES COXALL, AMANDA MILLEN, JAKE BEANLAND

Presentation Awards:

ROSIE COLLINS, LOUISE CLARK, OSKAR SANSOM, MAISIE FRANCIS BILLY BEANLAND

Reading Awards:

TABITHA CHUNG, SONNY BURGESS, ROSIE WELLS, AMELIE ROWLEY, ETHAN CHIGNELL

We would like to wish all of the children, parents and friends of the school a great weekend.

Mrs Kerrell