



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter No 14 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **In the news!**

We were pleased to invite The Braintree and Witham Times Newspaper into school last week to show them why we are so proud of our school. The children absolutely shone as we showed the visitors around and we are all delighted with the article that they have published. It shows our school in the light that it deserves.

### **Peer Review**

We are lucky to be part of a group of schools called The Dunmow Cluster. This week we took part in an initiative through the cluster group where other Headteachers came and spent the day in our school visiting lessons, looking at work and talking to children. It is a really good way for schools to share best practice and for us to reflect on the things that we do very well and anything that we may need to try to improve on.

The visiting Headteachers were very impressed with the behaviour and excellent manners of our children. Also how hard our staff work to support the children and what a warm and friendly feel there is to our school. We were all very pleased with the feedback that we received.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup>

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 9.00am -12.00noon. Please try to keep these dates free.

### **Closing the Gap in Boys Learning**

Our Year 5 and 6 parents have been kindly invited to attend a presentation from Gary Wilson at Great Easton Primary on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm. Gary is an amazing and highly inspirational speaker who will be able to offer excellent advice on how to encourage boys to develop more of an interest in learning. The event is free and it is a fantastic opportunity. If you would like to attend please do let the office know.

### **Curriculum leaflets**

We will be emailing parents the Spring Term Curriculum leaflets. Please take the opportunity to look at this with your child and talk through what they will be learning about over the next few weeks. If you would prefer a hard copy please collect one from 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.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015. Please keep this evening free the venue and time are TBC.

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

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Birthday Lunch Visits**

Parents are very welcome to come in and have lunch with their child if it is their birthday. Once lunch has finished in the hall then we would ask that parents say goodbye to their child and sign out at the office. Please make sure that you ring in advance if you are planning to come in for lunch.

## **Very generous parents**

We have had some lovely donations and help from some of our kind parents over the last few weeks.

Mel Simms has donated £100 from the Nuture Barn. We are going to spend this on some fantastic new equipment for the playground. Mr Needham has made the office staff very happy by donating some new equipment and Mr Francis kindly came and laid some slabs in front of our new role play barn.

We are very grateful to all of you for your support.

## **Awards this week go to:**

### **Special Awards:**

Marlo Nolan-Bradford, Shiv Andrews, Poppy Rowley, Jack Cornell, William Thomson, Jack Francis, Grace O'Connor, Zak Hall, Katelyn Tebbey and Madeleine Ridge

### **Presentation Awards:**

Alice Kemp, Chloe Thomson, Jamie Asher-Andrews, Harry Foord, Amanda Millen

### **Reading Awards:**

Caspar Riche, Demi Smith, Isaac Condron, Jozef Scott, Bradley Wood

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

*Mrs Kerrell*

