



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter No 16 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 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.

### Parents Evenings

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers during the second week back after half term, week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for returning your reply slips and we have now allocated many of our slots. If you haven't yet returned your slip please do so before Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This is a very important update meeting so please do make every effort to attend.

Half yearly progress and attainment reports will be given out on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please bring this with you to the meeting.

This is a parents only meeting with the exception of our Year 6 children.

### Maypole Dancing

There will be an opportunity for children to learn how to dance around The Maypole. This will culminate in the children dancing around The Maypole at a Mayday celebration in Great Saling, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.

This will be available to children from Year One up to Year Six with a maximum of 16 children. The training will take place every Monday after school from 3.15pm through to 4.00pm until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. **To take part children must be available on 2<sup>nd</sup> May to do their bit in the show.**

Please come along to the hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February after school if you are interested. .

Please note that this will be the only after school activity for children during Parents Evening week.

### Messy Munchkins

Messy Munchkins is an Arts and Crafts club, for 4-11 year olds, being launched by Cheryl Mellon-Kelly and her helpers at St Mary's church in the village. Parents do not have to stay with their children as there are volunteers ( 3 of which are parents of children at Great Bradfield) and most are DBS checked and have prior experience of working with children. The first session will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 10.15 until 12.45. To book your place, either turn up on the day or e-mail [cherylmellonkelly@gmail.com](mailto:cherylmellonkelly@gmail.com)

### 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.

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.

### **Severe Weather arrangements**

It has turned incredibly cold this week. 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.

### **The four corners of Great Britain.**

On Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> March we will be having an off-timetable day. We are in the unique position to have four teachers who come from the four different regions of the United Kingdom. Mrs Crow from England, Mrs Kerrell from Northern Ireland, Mrs Aldred from Scotland and Mrs Mach from Wales. The children in KS1 and KS2 will spend the day visiting each region of the country, in a special day which will celebrate each of these cultures.

### **New FOBs Newsletter**

Sally Beanland our FOBs Chairperson. has asked me to attach her latest update to this email. Do please have a read as it contains some important information about the latest upcoming FOBs events.

### **Dates for your diary**

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.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March it is Sports Relief Day and this will also be a non-Uniform day. We would be grateful for a £1.00 donation, for this charity

Cake sales will start again after half term. We will start with Phoenix class and the dates will run as follows:  
Phoenix Class Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Pegasus Class Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Griffin Class Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Dragon Class Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
Unicorn Class **Thursday** 24<sup>th</sup> March.

As requested by our School Council, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April we will be taking the whole school out on two different trips. Foundation and Key Stage One will be visiting Colchester Zoo to link with their Safari Topic. Key Stage Two will visit Duxford Museum which will link to our work on Traditional British Values. Letters will be sent out about these trips during the first week back after half term.

We would like to wish all of the children, parents and friends of the school a wonderful Half Term. See you on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

*Mrs Kerrell*