



# The Bardfield Buzz

## Newsletter No 17 Friday 26<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 next week at Parent Consultations. Today you will have received your child's Mid-Year Report. For the first time we have reported using the recently introduced **Bands and Steps** against the new National Curriculum. We will be taking you through where your child is against the Band, that they are working in, during your meeting.

### Maypole Dancing

This was very well attended last week. It is great to see the children supporting the wider community. Please remember that if your child is attending that they **must** be able to take part in the display on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### Safeguarding

We do appreciate the support that parents have given us with the uplifting of security around the school. We have been asked to do this following a recent visit from the Local Authority. The side gate will be closed from 9.00am-3.00pm every day and if you are arriving after this time then please report to the school office. Between these times, we have been clearly told that, parents and visitors must only access the rear of the school if they are accompanied by a member of staff.

When school clubs are on the side gate will be locked from 8.15am-8.40am and from 3.30pm-4.00pm. If you need to drop off or collect your child from the Before/After School Club then please come to the school office.

### The After School Club

It has been agreed with Pat from The After School Club that members of staff who run school clubs will now take any children, who are down to attend The After School Club, over to their building. We are happy to do this to support our neighbours even though they are acting *in loco parentis* on your behalf and should pick up your child.

It is therefore very important that both Pat and the School Office know the pick-up arrangements for any child attending The After School Club. If these change during the day then please ensure that you telephone both Pat and the School Office.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is this Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Your child received their £1.00 book token this week to put towards a shiny new book. We would like the children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on Thursday and we will be having a day of special book and reading related activities. You do not need to send in any money for this non-uniform day.

Additionally Pegasus Class are working very hard to learn their words for a very special concert that we will be taking part in, with other schools in our Cluster Group. This will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Thaxted Church at 6.30pm. It is set to be a lovely evening so do please come along if you are free.

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

This Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> March we will also be having an off-timetable day. We are in the unique position of having 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.

Listen out for something very special on Tuesday morning!

### **Water Bottles**

Class teachers have asked me to remind parents about the importance of children having a refillable water bottle. Many children do not have them and are getting thirsty during the day especially when we have outdoor PE.

Please make sure that you send your child to school every day with a bottle of fresh water. Please note children may have juice with their packed lunch but please do not send this in as their drink for the rest of the day. We are encouraging the children to keep hydrated with water as part of our Healthy School initiative.

### **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 dates are as follows:  
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.

### **This week's awards**

Well done to the following children who received awards this week:

#### **Headteacher's Award:**

Lucien Nolan-Bradford

#### **Special Award**

Henry Winsborough, Oliver Willetts, Thomas Williams, Sam Wood, Harry McGregor, Anysia Ledgerton-Wright, Zakari Hall, Brooke Euesden, Cerys Williams, Stewart Groves

#### **Bookworm Award**

Alice Silvester, Abigail Goldsworthy, Emelia Tebbey, Prudence Green, Christy Brandl.

#### **Presentation Award**

Freddie Hewitt, Archie Bullock, Oliver Ricca, Maisie Francis, Erin Jones

We would like to wish you all a relaxing and happy weekend.

*Mrs Kerrell*

