



Bardfield Buz

Newsletter No 9 – Friday 27th November 2015

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

Pantomime

This is our next big event. The whole school is off to the Pantomime on Thursday (without Mrs Kerrell ☺). Our PTA have covered the cost of the tickets but we would be grateful if you could make a £5.00 donation **per child** to cover the cost of the coach. Thank you.

We will be leaving first thing in the morning for the 10.30am performance and we may be back slightly later than normal for lunch. Therefore we would like each child to have a snack and a drink to take with them and in addition each child may bring a small packet of sweets (**absolutely no family sized bags please as we do not want ill children on the coach**). The lunch choices will be either a baguette or a jacket potato.

Christmas Craft Fair

This will be happening this Friday 4th December straight after school. FOBs have put up posters around the school and sent out lots of flyers. Thank you for your amazing response to the appeal for bits and bobs for the event. We would still welcome any further donations.

Our FOBs chair Sally Beanland has written an update letter which is attached to the end of the newsletter.

Non uniform day

We will be having a non-uniform day this Friday 4th December. In exchange for wearing your own clothes we would like you to bring a bottle to school for

the bottle tombola which will be held at the Craft Fair. Many thanks

Christmas Jumper Day

Following the success of this last year we will again be holding a Christmas Jumper Day. This will be on the last day of the term, Friday 18th December. We will be supporting the charity 'Text Santa' and would be grateful if you could donate £1.00 in return for wearing your jumper. You don't have to wear a jumper, just come in something festive as it will be a non-uniform day.

Nativity

Mrs Takakuda and Mrs Collis have asked me to remind parents to please send in their child's Nativity costume as soon as possible. If you aren't sure what your child needs do please ask them. We have two performances again this year on Wednesday 8th December at 1.30pm and on Friday 10th December at 9.30am.

Carol Concert

On Thursday the 10th December we will have our KS2 Carol Concert in St Mary The Virgin Church. This is an important school event and it is essential that **all** Key Stage Two children attend. If your child will not be coming along then you must inform Mrs Kerrell in advance of the event.

Cake Sales

Well done Dragons you raised £35 at your sale last week.

Our final cake sale of the term will fall to our Unicorns. We have already changed the date of the sale. We are very sorry but we will need to change it once again as it now clashes with our craft fair.

So the Unicorns Cake sale will now be on Friday 11th December.

Tinsel Time!

The Festive Season will arrive in school this week! We will have a post box in the school entrance hall if you would like to post cards which will then be sorted by our Year 6 Elves and delivered around the school.

Winter PE Kit

We had a query this week about a winter kit for the children and what it should consist of.

In addition to our regular kit which is detailed in our school handbook and on the first newsletter of the new school year, all children should have a plain navy blue tracksuit and trainers. This is important because we will still be doing PE outside in winter time if the weather allows and it may be chilly and a bit muddy. Children should not wear their school sweatshirts as your child will need to get changed into a clean uniform after they have been outside for PE.

Careers Day

We will be taking part in a special Careers Day in collaboration with our cluster group of schools. We will be sending our older children along to Rodings School on Tuesday 15th March next year. We have been asked to ask parents if they would be prepared to go along for the day to man a stand and talk to older children about their career. We would be very grateful for any time and input you could give to this event. Please let the office know if you can support the event.

Volunteer helpers

As you know we have shared with you the increased demands and higher expectations of the New Curriculum. We are very much in need of parent volunteers (or other family members) to come into school for as much time as you can possibly spare to help with things like Reading and Times tables.

Do please contact the office if you can offer us any of your time to help with these important building blocks of learning.

Spring Term

Just a reminder that we finish for Christmas on Friday 18th December. The first day of the Spring Term is a NON PUPIL day and the children return to school on Tuesday 5th January.

On behalf of all of the staff at Great Bardfield Primary school, I would like to wish you all a nice extended weekend.

Mrs Kerrell