



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #7 Friday 19th October 2018

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

Harvest Assembly

Well done to all of the children who presented us with a wonderful Harvest Assembly this week.

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated a tin or a packet. We will get everything sent off to the Braintree Foodbank - I know they will be very grateful.

Home School Agreement

Please return these along with the personal details sheet and photo permission form as soon as possible.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations this term will take place during week beginning 5th November 2018.

Please note there will be no teacher clubs or gymnastics this week but MadScience, early morning clubs and football will run as normal.

Smile Box Assembly

I am delighted to tell you that we have been in touch with our dear friend George Mills and we are hoping to have him come along to a very special Smile Box Assembly on Friday 2nd November at 2.15pm.

For our new parents and anyone who doesn't know about Smile Boxes, every year we invite a gentleman called George Mills into school.

George leads a relief project for deprived and disabled children in the Ukraine who are suffering the outcomes of The Chernobyl disaster. George works with a hospital and a hospice to support these children and their families.

We help by gathering as many lovely things (no food items or sweets please) in a shoe box that is covered with Christmas wrapping paper. The everyday essentials such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, pants, vests and socks are also deeply appreciated by the families.

The Smile Box that you create is often the only thing that the family have to open on Christmas Day when it is put in the middle of their table. Everyone takes a turn at taking something out of the box and the sense of excitement and gratitude that these families feel, that someone has taken the time to think about them, is very humbling.

We have 141 children in our school. It would be wonderful if we could give George at least 141 boxes. Every child is invited to bring their box into school on the morning of Friday 2nd November. It would be lovely if your child could write a little note and pop it inside. The boxes then come to the assembly for George before we load them all into his car. He then takes them to be put into a van to be taken to The Ukraine, in time for Christmas.

We do really hope that you can help your child to support this really worthy cause.

Halloween Disco

Our next FOBS event will be our annual Halloween Disco. This will take place on Friday 2nd November. There will be two discos; Reception and KS1 from 4.00-5.00pm and then KS2 from 5.30pm-7.00pm. The cost for both discos is £3.00 and will include squash and nibbles.

Cake Sales

We will be having class cake sales next half term. We would ask that parents get together to organise these please. The money comes directly to each class to buy additional materials such as books and art materials that we cannot afford in the budget. The order will be:

Friday 9th November Phoenix Class
Friday 16th November Leprechaun Class
Friday 30th November Pegasus Class
Friday 7th December Pixie/ Dragon Class.
Friday 14th December Pixie/ Unicorn Class

The cakes will be sold after school from underneath the canopy outside Dragon Class.

100 Year Commemoration

We are delighted to have been asked to join with Finchingfield and Wethersfield Primary Schools to take part in a joint village art exhibition, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

This will take place in Finchingfield Village Hall on Saturday 3rd November and Sunday 1st November. Every child in the school will be making a piece of art work to be displayed as

part of the exhibition.

We will be emailing a flyer with more information.

Sad Farewells

We are bidding a sad farewell to Teresa today. I know that many of the children have fond memories of her cooking. On behalf of everyone we would like to thank her for the great job she has done for the school in her role as Catering Manager.

We will also be sad when Carol, our Assistant Cook, leaves us after half term.

The Catering Team

I am delighted to tell you that we have appointed two new members of staff to the Catering Team.

Louisa (mum of Charlotte in Year 3) will be our new Catering Manager after half term along with Anna (not a parent at the school) who will be our Deputy Catering Manager. Both of these ladies really impressed us at interview, with their enthusiasm and fresh ideas. They are committed to providing the best experience for the children.

Deborah Lane (one of our MDAs) will take on the role of relief cook.

We will continue with Week One of the current menu after half term and then move to week one of the new menu week beginning 5th November.

We have emailed you a copy of the new menu and this is also available on our website.

FOBS Meeting

The next meeting for the FOBS team will be Monday 29th October at 7pm in the staffroom. We will be finalising

plans for the Halloween discos and discussing Christmas. We hope you can make it along.

Website Maintenance

We will be updating the website over half term, carrying out some essential maintenance work. This may mean that it goes down for up to 24 hours. We hope that this doesn't cause you too much inconvenience.

Comics

You may have some comics that your children have finished reading. We would be grateful for these for the library if they are in good condition. Please bring them in to the office after half term.

Fireworks

There will be a Firework Display at The Recreation Ground on Saturday 3rd November. The gates will open at 5.30pm and the display will start at 7.00pm.

Tickets are available in advance from the the Co-op, Between the Lines Bookshop and The Vine. The cost is £5.00 per ticket and when bought in advance, one child goes free. They will be on sale up to the 1st November then it will be tickets on the gate.

Forthcoming Dates

Monday 22nd October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 29th October

FOBs meeting 7pm

Friday 2nd November

Halloween Discos

Monday 5th November

Parent Consultations this week

Sunday 2nd December-Christmas Fair

Monday 3rd December-Final teacher clubs.

Thursday 6th December-Christmas Cinema Club

Monday 10th December-Reception and KS1 Nativity 1.30pm

Tuesday 11t December- Reception and KS1 Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 12th December-Christmas Dinner

Thursday 13th December-Carol Concert 6pm (Provisional Date)

Friday 14th December-Class Christmas Parties

Monday 17th December-Shop 'til You Drop

Tuesday 18th December- Final day of term for the children

Wednesday 19th December-Non Pupil Day

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a wonderful half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 29th October.

Mrs Kerrell