



The Bardfield Buzz

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

Review

It is hard to believe that we are at the half way point of this academic year! We had such high hopes when we started the new school year back in September but as we all know, events have not unfolded as we hoped. We must take heart though from the things that have gone well so far this year. The children all made excellent progress after the summer lockdown when they returned for the first term. They enjoyed being back together and the routines of school, all be it in their bubbles.

The Spring term presented with another round of challenges with the reintroduction of Home Schooling for the majority of our pupils. This has been and continues to be a tall order for families and we are very grateful for your support with keeping the children going with their learning. We know that there will inevitably be some catching up to do when the children come back but **we do appreciate** that because of all of your efforts, that there will be gaps rather than gulfs! We will know soon what the plan is for the children to come back to school and then we can all hopefully look forward to the fun of a more regular summer term.

Snow and Ice

The weather has been very challenging this week and I would like to extend our thanks to parents for their patience and support with the reduced opening and capacity of the school. Everyone's safety is of paramount importance. Ninety percent of school staff live in either Braintree or Dunmow and this means that they have to travel to the village on what can be, in snowy and icy conditions, treacherous roads. It is always a carefully considered decision, based on safety, when I have to close the school or have a late opening.

Spring in to Summer Menu

After February half term we are moving to a two-week school dinner menu. The price will remain the same and in the summer term we may make some small changes to reflect seasonality. The new menu has been emailed to you.

Stars of the week

Everyone worked so incredibly hard over the last few weeks-thank you.
A special mention to: Lacey, Tobias, Dahlia, Faith H, Baden, Aden, Neive, Darcy, Vincent, Tobby and Felix.

On behalf of all of the staff we would like to wish everyone a good Half Term.

Mrs Kerrell