



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.

Swimming

We will be starting swimming when we come back after the half term holiday. Mrs Crow has put together a final letter which is being sent with this edition of The Buzz. Please read it carefully so that you know when your child has their lessons.

Year 6

We emailed all our Year 6 parents earlier in the week with the details of the Activity Week. Hollie has now set up the payment pages. If you are not intending to send your Year 6 child on any of the days, then we will need to know by Tuesday 8th June please so that we can decide if it is possible to run the activity on that day.

School Meals

We will be returning to school after half term on Week One of the menu. As we are not in school on Monday 7th June, we will be making a small menu change to the dessert option on Tuesday 8th, from iced sponge to arctic roll and strawberries.

It will not be possible for Mrs Kerrell to support the staff in the kitchen during the week of 14th June as she will be with the Year 6. on their activity week. We will still provide lunch for all the children but will offer filled baguettes, rolls or wraps-no cooked options. Please see the attached menu.

Then week beginning the 21st June, we will resume usual service with Week Two of the menu.

RSE Meeting

Many thanks to parents who joined us for our Zoom meeting about our new RSE Policy and Curriculum. Now that we have consulted with everyone we will be adopting the policy and will begin to deliver the curriculum after half term. For more information, please visit our website:

<https://greatbardfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum-by-subject/>

Non Uniform Day and Cake Sale

Today we held a non-uniform day and our first cake sale of the year to support Miss Steward's charity endeavours. She will be walking the Three Peaks Challenge on Saturday 12th June. Miss Steward (and her fiancée, along with ten others) will be trying to walk 39 Kms over 3 mountains in Yorkshire, in less than 12 hours!

She has set herself, an incredible challenge, so that she can raise money for the charities MIND and EACH. These charities support people with their mental and emotional health and wellbeing; more important than ever in these difficult times.

We had an incredible response to our fundraising efforts to day and we thank you enormously for your support. With your help we raised a phenomenal £373!

Miss Steward will write a letter to everyone to let you all know how she gets on after she has completed the challenge. We wish her so much luck!

Parents Evenings-save the date!

We will be inviting parents to attend an end of year consultation with their child's current class teacher. This is not something that we usually do but given the different circumstances this year, this is an opportunity that we would like to offer. The meetings are optional and will be via ZOOM.

Parents evening appointments will go live after half term, Hollie will send everyone a link to book a slot, and will be on the following dates:

Unicorns: Monday 12th July (3.00-5.00pm)

Pixies: Wednesday 14th July (1.00-5.00pm)

Dragons: Tuesday 13th July (1.00-3.00pm) and Wednesday 14th July (3.00-5.00pm)

Pegasus: Wednesday 14th July (9.00am-12 noon)

Leprechauns: Tuesday 13th July (9.00am-12 noon) and (3.00-5.00pm)

Phoenix: Tuesday 13th July (1.00-5.00pm) *Only necessary for Year 6 parents if there is an urgent matter you wish to discuss with Miss White.*

Covid restrictions

We have decided to make changes to our Covid safe measures, for the last part of the summer term. We will make our bubbles bigger and have a Key Stage One and a Key Stage Two bubble. This was always an option from the beginning of the year but as we wanted to be as safe as possible, we kept the bubbles to classes only.

There is much that we want to do this next half term and having two larger bubbles will mean that we can do these things, **but still be safe**. With two bubbles we will now be able to have a Key Stage One and a Key Stage Two Break and an Assembly for each key stage. Friday assemblies will remain as they currently are-in classes. We will also go back to arranging the classes in table groups

rather than rows. We are also hopeful that we will be able to make our annual trip to Frinton, with Key Stage One and Two on separate coaches.

Sadly, we are still unable to have parents on site and our lunchtime arrangements will need to remain the same to allow Social Distancing between the bubbles. We continue to ensure high standards of cleaning and sanitising throughout the school. We very much hope that when the DFE issues its guidance for the new school year, that we will be returning to our normal school routines

Next Half term-dates for your diary.

It is hard to believe that we only have seven and a half weeks to go to the end of the school year!

Please remember that Monday 7th June is a Non Pupil Day and school will be closed. The children will start swimming this week, on their return.

We will be keeping the before and after school sports clubs on the same days and for the same classes next half term and these will continue to be free.

We will have a scaled down Sports Day event on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th June. Sadly, no parents this year but we promise to take lots of photos!

We hope to visit Frinton, as a whole school, on Monday 6th July. We will let you know the details after half term.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our traditional final whole school assembly this year. However, we hope to repeat what we did last year and have a Year 6 family picnic and outdoor assembly in the afternoon of Wednesday 21st July. More details will follow after half term.

Certificates:

Golden Awards:

Alife, Isla, Camila, Isabella,
Casper WR, Cassie, Honey, Isaac,
Richard, Haden and All Phoenix class.

Presentation Awards:

Maddie, Sophea, Faith, Ewan, Winter
and Ruby.

Bookworm Awards:

Dolly, Franklin, Lewis, Theo MP,
Jasmine N and Shayla.

**On behalf of all of the staff we
would like to wish everyone a
wonderful restful Half Term Holiday.**

Mrs Kerrell