



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.

Year 6 Activity Week

The children had the most amazing week! It was a privilege and a pleasure to be with Year 6 this week and we all had so much fun. I think the visit to Southend was the favourite with Legoland coming a close second. There are some fantastic photos!

Year 6 had a great sleepover on Friday night in the hall along with a pool party and fish and chips for tea. Not quite the same as the Isle of Wight but we hope that we made some long lasting memories for the children this week.

A big thank you to Miss White and Miss Andrews for their support, for working long hours on several of the days and also for staying over on Friday Night. Thanks to Miss Steward who also slept over and to Mrs Crow and Miss Kyriacou who stayed late in to the evening, with us all.

The Key Stage Two children, back in school, have loved being together in their Year Groups this week. Thanks to Mrs Williams for working a full week with Year 5 and to Mrs Crow for being Acting Headteacher. We are very lucky at Great Bardfield to have staff who are prepared to be flexible and dedicate so much of their own time for the children.

We will post the trip photos on the school website this week and everyone can see what the Year 6 got up to. We'll text you when they go live.

Covid Restrictions

As you know the Government will not be lifting the current Covid Restrictions on the 21st June. We have received the latest DFE guidance and thankfully it will not impact on our plans, for the next four weeks, too much.

There will need to be some changes to our Induction plans for our new Reception children joining in September and we will write to our new parents separately about this.

Our trip to Frinton on Monday 5th July can still go ahead as we will keep the children in Key Stage bubbles. The trip is now live on the Parent Pay system.

We can still have our outdoor final assembly and family picnic for our Year 6, with social distancing in place.

Lunch arrangements next week

Apologies to everyone, we will be having another week of sandwiches next week. We are still short staffed in the kitchen and I am unable to offer the full cover that I have been doing as I am very busy with Headteacher business, having been out of school all of last week with Year 6.

Jade did an amazing job of preparing delicious sandwiches last week and the children had a huge choice of accompaniments and deserts. We will repeat these options this week.

We hope to return to hot food on **WEEK ONE**, next Monday 28th June.

Hot Weather

The intense heat of last week seems to have passed for now but we ask that you still put sun cream on your child on warm days, even if it is cloudy. Your child should have a named bottle of spare sun cream in their bag, a hat and refillable water bottle please.

Parking

The Parish Council Clerk wrote to me last week following the recent Parish Council meeting. Concerns about parking outside the school at drop off and pick up were raised at the meeting by local residents.

The clerk has informed me that there may be police present at drop off and pick up to monitor and manage parking.

I wrote to you last week asking you to walk to school with your child if possible and if you need to drive to park considerately please.

The setting up of a Walking Bus has been suggested. This is something that we will be arranging for September, but only with the support of parents. It will not be possible to staff this from the school. I will be sending out a separate letter next week with more information and a signup sheet for volunteers.

Last day of term

Due to Covid restrictions we will be unable to have our special end of year assembly for everyone this year. We do of course want to give our Year 6 pupils a great send off so we will have a final assembly outdoors, for the children on the last day of term.

To enable us to do this school will end for everyone at midday on the last day, Wednesday 21st July.

Year 6 and their families can then return to school at 1.00pm for a picnic and then the outdoor assembly at 2.00pm.

Congratulations Miss Steward!

Huge congratulations to Miss Steward on conquering the Three Peak Challenge. Such an amazing achievement! Miss Steward has written to everyone-please see the letter attached with this newsletter.

Parents Evenings-save the date!

We would like to 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 on Monday. Hollie will send everyone a link to book a slot, and they 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.*

On behalf of all of the staff we would like to wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Kerrell