



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.

Frinton Trip

Exciting times! We are off to the seaside at Frinton, on Monday. A letter has been sent to all parents today detailing what their child will need for the trip. It is a non-uniform trip and the pick-up times will be later on Monday afternoon. We would appreciate everyone reading the letter so that they know what the plan is for the day.

Walking Bus

We would like to set up a Walking Bus to try and alleviate some of the parking issues in the centre of the village at drop off and pick up. I wrote to all parents last week, asking for support with setting it up and running it please.

If you are interested in using the Walking Bus in September and are able to support with being on a rota (or want to co-ordinate things), please come along to a meeting on Monday 19th July at 3.15pm.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evening Zoom appointments are now live. Hollie sent everyone a link last Monday. Please book a slot if you would like to speak to your child's teacher. They are on the following dates and times:

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.*

If you have got any problems with booking an appointment, please contact Hollie on Monday.

Parent Conduct

We are all facing a tremendous amount of stress, given everything that we have all been through over the last eighteen months, with the Pandemic. It is completely understandable that this has affected us all in some way.

Today however, there was a very unpleasant altercation between two males on school grounds, at the back of the school at pick up time. This was witnessed by parents waiting to collect their Pixie and Unicorn children and by several pre-school children. The incident was heated and some very offensive, foul language was used. Children should not be subjected to seeing such behaviour within the safety of our school.

We have a Parent Code of Conduct that I am grateful to parents and carers for following. If parents and carers cannot adhere to this calmly and respectfully, at all times when visiting the school, they will not be allowed on to school grounds.

Covid

We are continuing to follow our Covid safe procedures in school. **Please remember to wear a face covering at pick up and collection.**

We await the latest announcement from the Government about the 19th July and we will then take any action in line with DFE Guidance.

We are aware of a number of other schools in our area who have had to close bubbles. At our school I am currently self-isolating because a member of my family has tested positive for Covid and Mrs Metson is also self-isolating.

So far, we have not been affected again by having to close Bubbles but I ask that everyone remains vigilant please.

We have just over two weeks to go to the end of term and I know that many of you have booked much needed holidays. Ten days isolating is a long time and it can have a huge impact on your plans. To share with you, my children were due to fly to Belfast on Tuesday to see their grandma (not seen her in nearly two years) and now the whole trip has had to be cancelled.

Bikeability-Year 6 in September

Could our Year 6 parents please return the Bikeability forms to the office as soon as possible to confirm their child's place on this, free, two-day course in September. To take part our Year 6 pupils will need a bike and a cycle helmet. Please contact Hollie if there are any problems.

School Meals-September 2021

Just a reminder to our Year 2 parents that in September your child will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. We do hope that you will continue to have our school meals as the children enjoy them and they are great value at £2.40 per day.

If you are a low income family, you may be eligible for Free School Meals and can apply for this by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

New Unicorn Induction Evening

Our new Reception pupils have completed the first two sessions of their Induction. We have loved getting to know them and look forward to welcoming them again to their final session on Tuesday.

A reminder to our new parents that we will be having our Welcome Meeting on Tuesday at 7pm. This will be on Zoom and we will send parents a link on Monday. Our new children are also welcome to join us.

School Uniform

I understand that at this point in the year parents may not want to purchase new school uniform. If your child is not in our correct school uniform, please try to match our school colours as closely as possible.

For September our school uniform supplier is Brigade.

We also have an excellent second hand uniform shop. Please contact Julia at FOBSuseduniform@gmail.com

Good Luck!

We were all very sad to say goodbye to Charlotte in Year 4 last week. We wish her and her family lots of luck in their new home and for the future.

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

Mrs Kerrell