The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #3 Friday 17th September 2021

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

Welcome BBQ

It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the beautiful sunny day we had last Saturday at our Welcome BBQ. There was a really happy and positive atmosphere and I know that the children loved the pool and the slide. Thank you to everyone who came along and offered their support. We are delighted to let you all know that we raised £649.37. This will go straight towards purchasing fantastic resources for all the children.

FOBs and Fundraising

I would like to sincerely thank our amazing FOBs team (PTA) for their time and efforts to organise and put on the BBQ last weekend. The team worked really hard and I know were very pleased with the success of the day.

I would also like to thank many of the teachers who gave up their time on Saturday to help at the event.

Just a reminder that all parents are automatically a member of the PTA when they join the school and we do really need your help with events please. It can be as little or as much time that you can give but the more people that help and support with events, the more successful they will be.

As a small village school we have a tiny budget compared to our bigger neighbours and we do struggle to pay for some of the nicer resources and equipment for the children. As many of you know through the support of parents and carers and through accessing some grants, FOBs were able to pay for our new changing rooms two years ago. The children have loved using these for the first time this year.

Over the last year FOBs have kept busy and again through you supporting events and with them putting in lots of effort, they have been able to fund:
A Mindfulness Shed-£1985
3 new i-pads -£1208
Phonics Books to complete our Phonics scheme- £1386

That is a huge £4579 which we simply do not have in our school budget.

Your help (even if it is just for an hour) will make a huge difference. If you would like to help (the next event is the Halloween Disco) or come along to PTA meetings please email the office and we will pass on your details to FOBs.

Cauliflower Cards

Every year FOBs, through Cauliflower Cards, organise for art work, created by your child, to be turned into Christmas cards and gift wrap which you are then able to purchase on line. The work will come home to you on Friday 1st October with a letter explaining what to do next and how to place an order if you wish.

Teacher Clubs

Teacher Clubs will be start on Monday next week. Parents and carers have all been emailed today to confirm their child's place. If your child cannot attend the club for any reason please email the office so we can let the teacher know.

We will also be offering two Cinema Clubs this term and more details will follow.

Welcome Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents and children at our Welcome Evening on Tuesday. I know that many parents found it difficult to come along so I have put the Welcome Presentation on the school website: https://greatbardfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/parents-info/important-things-to-know-this-week/

There will be a more formal Parents Evening in November with a longer time to talk about how the children have settled this term and to look at their work.

Girls Football

Our Year 3,4,5,6 girls took part in a Football Skills tournament today with other schools in our partnership.

I know that they all had a fantastic day. I was very pleased to accompany the girls this afternoon. I was incredibly proud of the children, their behaviour and enthusiasm is outstanding. They all made my day!

#HelloYellow

In support of World Mental Health Day, on Friday 8th October we will have a non-uniform day-**we would like everyone to wear yellow.** Please donate £1.00 please which we will send to the charity **Young Minds** which does vital work to support young people with their mental health.

For more information, please follow this link: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/sign-up-to-helloyellow/?acceptcookies=

Roald Dahl Day

Our Roald Dahl Day dress up day will be next Friday 24th September. We would love it if the children could come dressed as a Roald Dahl character.

Great Bardfield Bake Off for Macmillan Cancer

We are really excited to be running this competition again this year. More details will follow but please save the date as we will have our Macmillan coffee morning, for parents on Thursday 7th October from 9.00-10.00am.

Menu Change

As the hot weather begins to leave us we will be reintroducing our **Roast Day.** This will start week beginning 27th September and will be on Thursdays. The current summer menu has been updated and sent out to you.

After half term we will have a whole new Winter Menu-more information to follow.

Celebration Assembly

We will resume our Friday celebration Assemblies next week. We will be announcing our House Captains and School Council members.

Year 7 Applications

For our current Year 6 pupils, Year 7 seems like a long way off. We would like to let parents know that they must have completed the Secondary School application for their child, on the Essex County Council website, by 31st October.

Forthcoming Important Dates.

Thursday 23rd September
Scootability-Key Stage One
Friday 24th September
Roald Dahl Dress Up Day
Tuesday 28th September
Year 6 Isle of Wight meeting 6pm
Thursday 30th September
First day of roast dinner on menu
Wednesday 6th October
Great Bardfield Bake Off entries in to school
Thursday 7th October
Macmillan Coffee morning
Friday 15th October
E-Safety Assembly 2.15pm
Tuesday 19th October
Harvest Festival Celebration 9.30am
Friday 22nd October
Halloween Discos

Monday 25th-Friday 29th
HALF TERM WEEK

Thursday 4th November
School Photos
Monday 8th November
Parents Evening Week (Face to Face)
Friday 26th November
Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 1st December
Whole School Panto Trip
Tuesday 7th December
Reception and KS1 Nativity **PM**
Thursday 9th December
Reception and KS1 Nativity **AM**
Friday 10th December
Shop 'Til You Drop
Tuesday 14th December
Carol Concert 6pm
Wednesday 15th December
Christmas Lunch
Thursday 16th December
Christmas Parties and last day of
Autumn Term

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

Mrs Kerrell