



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #19 Friday 11th February 2022

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

Half Way Point!

It is hard to believe that we are half way through this school year already! It has been so good to get back to our school traditions and routines but also there have been challenges, particularly this half term, with Covid. The majority of staff have now had Covid so I hope that there will be only minimum disruption, if at all, in the second half of the year.

There are lots of fun opportunities to be enjoyed as the weather warms up and the days get brighter. To improve the children's emotional health and wellbeing, we want to get them outside as much as possible, to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.

Half Term Holiday Clubs

There is still time to book a place!

Premier Sport will be running some holiday clubs at our school during February half term. They will be Monday –Wednesday from 9.00am-3.00pm. For more information, please log on to the Premier Sport website. <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6689-747490/?back=1&location=great%20bardfield>

Sports Clubs

After half term we will be making a few changes to the clubs on Tuesdays.

Unfortunately, the gymnastics club, in the morning, has not been well enough attended to keep it going at that time. We have therefore decided to offer to children from Year 2-6 gymnastics after school on Tuesdays.

This will be a 'paid for' club (if you are already signed up just come along to the session after school) or if you are new to the club it can be booked online at Premier Sport or by giving them a call: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6689-716026/?back=1&location=cm7%204rn>

In place of the Gymnastics on Tuesday mornings, we will offer a Multi Sports club to Key Stage One, after half term. This will be a free club. Please book this by following this link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6689-748641/?back=1&location=cm7%204rn>

Early Clubs run from 8.00am and we ask please that you walk your child around to the door of the main hall.

Karate

We are excited to be giving a Karate Club a trial after half term. This will be privately run by AME Karate Kai. The flyer, with further information, is being sent separately with this newsletter.

Tree Planting

We were thrilled to be invited to take part in tree planting at the church this week. A huge thank you to Julia Collins, one of our governors, for organising it for us through the Essex Forest Initiative. It was marvellous to see the children having so much fun outside; we will publish lots of photos on the school website.

Parents Evening

Our next Parents Evenings, which will be **face to face**, will be week beginning 28th February. We ask please that children do not attend these appointments.

The booking system is now live!

Congratulations!

We would like to send our warmest congratulations to the new Mrs and Mrs Smith who got married last Saturday! It was a wonderful day and Mrs Smith was a beautiful bride. On behalf of everyone at Great Bardfield Primary School, we wish them both a life full of love, luck and happiness.



Non Pupil Day

We hope that everyone takes the opportunity to rest and relax next week during half term. Please remember that **Monday 21st February is a Non Pupil Day and school will be closed.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday the 22nd.

Sad Farewell

We are very sorry to say good bye to Miss Kyriacou today. She has been such a wonderful member of our team, a dedicated and passionate teacher who has touched the lives of many of our pupils. We wish her lots of luck as she moves on to the next step of her career, as an Assistant Educational Psychologist.



Staff and Class changes

After half term we will be merging Pixie and Dragon Class to make a mixed Year 1/2 class. Mrs Crow will be the class teacher, supported by Mrs Hockley as the class LSA and the other LSAs in the class team will be Miss Saunders and Mrs Humphreys. We are pleased to have appointed Miss Jones to also work with the class, as an LSA.

Some of our LSAs will be swapping roles. Miss Smith will be moving to Unicorns and Mrs Hooper will be moving to Pegasus Class.

We have also appointed Mrs Whittaker to replace Mrs Atkinson as our new Reception Teacher.

She will be joining us after Easter, at the start of the summer term. We hope that she will be able to make some visits, so that she can get to know the children and meet parents.

We are also pleased to appoint Anna Steinbauer as our new Catering Assistant. Anna will join Irene and Kerrie in our kitchen team after half term.

Awards

A huge well one to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who were awarded with the Prefect Badges today!

On behalf of all of the staff we would like to wish everyone a well-deserved rest this half term.

Mrs Kerrell