



The Bardfield Buzz

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Welcome to the last week of this half term. You may have noticed that work has already started on decommissioning our temporary classrooms and we hope to return to school on Tuesday 6th June to an empty and resurfaced playground.

Recycle-Bee Competition

We were very pleased to hear that several of our children had been selected as finalists from the homework project we set over the Easter break. A huge well done to Edie, Emily, Aliza, Ivy and Maddie who were all invited, along with their families, to watch the judging at the Essex Young Farmers Show on Sunday. Congratulations to Emily who took 1st place and Ivy who took 3rd place. We are so very proud of you all.



Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin after half term. On Friday, I will send out the timetable showing on which days your child will be swimming. Hopefully everyone has made their contribution by now but please make sure this is done by half term if you have not managed it yet. **Please note that only parents of Reception children or children new to our school need to fill in and return the form attached to the information letter.**

Holiday Homework

Next year we plan to change our class names from mythical creatures to ones which link with our lovely village. As homework over the half term, we will be asking children to research and make a presentation explaining why this person or place should be one of our new class names. This can be a video, poster, report or in any other format you choose. Remember – it needs to be a class name that is significant to the village of Great Bardfield, is easy to remember and one which your teacher wouldn't mind calling out loud on a school trip. Good luck – we can't wait to see your ideas.

Coronation Prints

We still have a few beautiful commemorative prints available. If you would like to purchase one of these, you can find them at the Between the Lines Bookshop or via the school office. An A2 print costs £15 and an A3 print costs £10. All profit raised will go directly to the school to buy much

needed art and craft supplies for the children.

Place2Be

Please find attached some useful information about Place2Be's 'Parenting Smart'. This is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour. Parents can access articles and short videos along with a free online course which you can access in short 15 minute sections. Do take a look – there is so much useful information for parents.

End of term events

You may have noticed a few changes and additional dates on the calendar. I recommend making a note of these as the last half term of the year is always extremely busy for all of us!

We are asking all children to **bring a bottle in exchange for wearing non-uniform on 30th June**. These will be used on the Bottle Stall at 'Bardfest' which is usually a great fundraiser. Please bring any contributions, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic, to the staff room either before or after school on this date and please check that they are unopened and in date.

We are also asking for cake/biscuit donations for the cake stall at 'Bardfest'. Please bring these no earlier than Friday 7th July.

Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Important Dates for your Diary

May

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Half Term Break

June

Monday 5th June

INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th June

Swimming Lessons begin

Friday 9th June

Year 6 Cake Sale

Tuesday 13th June

Year 5 Careers Fair

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd June

Sports Days

Monday 26th June

Beach Trip

Friday 30th June

'Bring a bottle' – non uniform

July

Friday 7th July

'Bring a cake'

Saturday 8th July

'Bardfest' 3pm-8pm

Tuesday 11th July

KS2 Performance (am)

Wednesday 12th July

Open Afternoon 3.30pm-4.30pm

Thursday 13th July

KS2 Performance (pm)

Monday 17th July

Proms in the Playground 3.30pm

Tuesday 18th July

Y6 Leavers Event 2.30pm

Thursday 20th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.15pm

Year 6 Pool Party 3.15pm-5.00pm

Friday 21st July

INSET Day

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and sunny half term break.

Mrs Crow