



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #1 Monday 11th September 2023

What a wonderful few days we have had back in school! A very special welcome to our twenty new reception children who joined us last week. They spent their first full day in school on Friday and had great fun getting to know their new adults, classmates and of course Merlin our school dog. They all definitely looked ready for an afternoon nap by 3 o'clock!

All of our children are all looking extremely smart in their uniforms and have settled back into the routines of the day. Thank you for all of your efforts as parents in ensuring your children have been prepared for their return to learning.

New Year Welcome

On Monday 18th September at 3.30pm we would like to invite you to visit your child's classroom, get to know their teacher and find out about some of the learning that takes place in their new year group.

Children are welcome to come along and it is an opportunity to ask any general questions you may have.

Please note that any specific questions about your child can be discussed at Learning Reviews or by making an appointment with your child's teacher.

Great Bardfield PTA

Did you know that when your child joins Great Bardfield Primary School, all parents automatically become members of the PTA?

We would like to invite you all to attend our AGM on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm. Everybody leads busy lives but please do try to attend – our PTA work tremendously hard to fundraise so that our children can have the best experiences whilst at school. With school budgets being so extremely tight, we rely on the funds they provide.

Last year they organised some fantastic events and raised money to kit out our three new classrooms with furniture and resources, a whole school trip to the pantomime and a new carpet for Aldridge Class amongst other things.

The meetings are informal and relaxed so please do try to come along on **Monday 18th September at 7.30pm.** All of your children benefit from the efforts of the PTA and after all, many hands make light work.

Bardfield Bake Off

On **Friday 29th September** we will hold our annual Bardfield Bake Off. This is a charity event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and has become somewhat of a tradition here at school.

If your child would like enter, please bring your contribution to the school hall on **the morning of 29th**

September. This can be a single cake, little cakes, biscuits...anything you have baked!

On **Friday 29th September**, please join us for coffee, cake and chats between **2pm and 3pm** in the hall. The cakes will have been judged and the winners will be displayed along with all of your entries. Any unsold cakes will be sold after school in the school hall. Let's try and beat our amazing total from last year of £289.

Place2Be

Suzanne from Place2Be will continue to work with us on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to improve the confidence and wellbeing of our children. There is further information about the work Place2Be do attached to this email. If you would like to find out more about their work please follow the link [Improving children's mental health in schools – Place2Be](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our Autumn Term Sports clubs will begin the week beginning **11th**

September. These are for children in Years 1 to 6. The clubs before school are free. There is a cost to parents for the after school clubs.

Before School Gymnastics

Monday 8.00am-8.45 am Y3-6

Afterschool Football

Monday 3:15pm-4:15pm Y1-2

Before School Gymnastics

Wednesday 8.00am-8.45am Y1-2

Afterschool Football

Wednesday 3:15pm-4:15pm Y3-6

Afterschool Tag Rugby

Thursday 3:15pm-4:15pm Y3-6

Please sign up for **all** sports clubs on the Premier Education website or use the link below.

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/847785>

Can you help?

Our caretaker Dave needs a new lawnmower and we wondered if anyone has an old (but in good working order) Flymo lurking unwanted in the back of a shed. It needs to be the 'hover' type as we have lots of new sloping ground to mow. Please let the office know if you can help us. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Please see below a list of important dates for this term. It is not exhaustive; there are still some dates to add. Please note that dates planned a long way in advance are always subject to change but this will only be the case if unavoidable.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a productive and positive week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

September

w/b Monday 11th September

Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 15th September

Celebration Assembly 9am

Monday 18th September

New Year Welcome 3.30-4.30pm

PTA AGM 7.30pm

Friday 22nd September

Celebration Assembly 9am

Y3/4/5/6 Girls Football Festival TBC

Friday 29th September

Celebration Assembly 9am

Bardfield Bake Off and Afternoon

Coffee and Cake 2-3pm

Saturday 30th September

Open Morning 10am-12pm

October

Friday 13th October

Great Fire of London Workshop KS1

Saturday 14th October

Open Morning 10am-12pm

Thursday 19th October

Harvest Festival 9.30am

Friday 20th October

Pyjama Day in aid of Lullaby Trust

Monday 23rd Oct – Friday 27th Oct

Half Term Break

November

Friday 3rd November

Celebration Assembly 9am

Friday 10th November

Celebration Assembly 9am

w/b 13th November

Learning Reviews

Friday 17th November

Celebration Assembly 9am

Friday 24th November

INSET Day

December

Friday 1st December

Celebration Assembly 9am

Trip to the Pantomime

Tuesday 5th December

Nativity Performance 1.30pm

Thursday 7th December

Nativity Performance 9.30am

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Film Club 3.15-5pm

Tuesday 12th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December

KS2 Carol Concert TBC

Wednesday 20th December

Last day of term (no early finish)

Thursday 21st December –

Wednesday 3rd January

Christmas Holidays

Return to school

Thursday 4th January