



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #12 Monday 4th December 2023

December has arrived and last week we began the festive season with a trip to the Town Hall to watch Peter Pan the Pantomime. The children were thoroughly entertained and enjoyed joining in with the traditional cheering and booing. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for funding and arranging the entire event. You truly are brilliant!

Nativity

All parents should now have received tickets for the Nativity performances this week. There are a few tickets remaining for the Tuesday performance tomorrow so please call the office if you would like some.

May I remind you that **no video recordings or photographs may be taken during the performances**. This is to comply with our safeguarding procedures and to ensure the wishes of parents who have not given permission for photographs are respected.

There will be time after the performance to take photos of your child in their costume. Please do not add or share any photos you take on social media without the permission of the parents of the children in them.

Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is now in the entrance hall. Children may post their cards to pupils and staff and they will then be delivered by Year 6. Please

make sure the name (and surname if there is more than one child with the same name) and class of the intended recipient is clearly written on the envelope.

Christmas Jumper Day

This Friday, 8th December, children may wear a Christmas jumper to school and donate £1 in aid of Save the Children. If your child does not wish to wear a jumper they can wear their usual school uniform with Christmas 'accessories' such as a festive hair band, socks, hat, etc.

Bring a Bottle

We are asking all families to make a bottle donation for the bottle stall at the PTA Christmas Event. This is always such a great fundraiser so please donate any bottles you can. Donations of alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink can be brought to the office any time this week but we ask that they are all in school by Friday morning so that the PTA can organise the stall.

PTA Santa's Grotto Event

Please come along and support this event this Friday. All profits are used to directly benefit your children. Tickets to this event are £10 per child which includes a visit to Santa with gift, story time with Mrs Claus, letters to Father Christmas, gingerbread decorating and making reindeer food. There will be also be mulled wine and mince pies for the grown-ups to help you embrace the festive spirit.

Community Christmas Carols

On **Monday 11th December** at

1.30pm we invite senior members of the community to come and hear some carols and enjoy a mince pie in the school hall. Please share this with your family, friends and neighbours and reserve your seats by ringing or emailing the office.

KS2 Christmas Carol Service

The children have been working hard to prepare for the Carol Service at St Mary's Church on Thursday 14th December. **We expect all children to attend this event.** Year 6 children need to arrive at the church at 5.30pm and Year 3, 4 and 5 children at 5.45pm.

Two tickets will be allocated per family, irrespective of how many children you have in KS2. You do not need to request these as they will be sent home with the children later this week. You may request additional tickets via the office but these are not guaranteed.

Please send back any unwanted tickets by Monday 11th December so that we can redistribute them. You can of course give them straight to other families who are in need of extras. Primary school age children (or younger) do not need a ticket but please request one for any older children you wish to bring so we do not go over capacity at the church.

Christmas Film Club

On Friday 15th December we will be showing Arthur Christmas at our Christmas movie club. Entrance is £3.50 and will include a hot dog, popcorn and a drink.

Please sign up and pay in the school office before Wednesday 13th December. When booking please let

us know about any dietary requirements.

Admissions

If you have a child who is due to start school in September, you must apply for their place before 15th January 2024. You can do this by following the link below.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places>

Y6 SATs

We will be running a SATs revision day on Tuesday 2nd April 2024. We would very much like all Year 6 children to attend so please save the date.

Thank you for all of your kind 'get well' wishes. I continue to recover and will be back at school as soon as is humanly possible. I want to take this opportunity to thank every single member of my staff for their positivity, team spirit and relentless hard work in my absence. You are amazing and our children are extremely fortunate to have you all as part of Team GB.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

December

Tuesday 5th December

Nativity Performance 1.30pm

Thursday 7th December

Nativity Performance 9.30am

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Bring a bottle

PTA Christmas Event 3.30pm-6pm

Monday 11th December

Community Christmas Carols 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December

Christmas Lunch for children

Thursday 14th December

KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

Friday 15th December

Christmas Film Club 3.15pm-5pm

Monday 18th December

Shop 'til You Drop

Wednesday 20th December

Last day of term (no early finish)

January

Thursday 4th January

Return to school