



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #13 Monday 11th December

As we enter our last full week in school before Christmas, many of our traditional events will be taking place. Please bear in mind that my staff really do go the extra mile at this time of year; giving up lots of their own time and working tirelessly to ensure that we create wonderful experiences and memories for our children. At this point of what has been an extremely busy term, a smile or a simple thank you goes a long way towards showing your appreciation for all their hard work.

PTA Santa's Grotto Event

Thank you to all involved in this event last Friday. There was a huge amount of planning and preparation which went into this event and our wonderful PTA raised a magnificent £2259.36 to be split between the pre-school and our school. Thank you to everyone who organised, helped out or attended the event - well done everybody!

Communications

We are currently in the process of changing our parent communication and payment provider. The new system will keep everything in one place and be much easier for parents to navigate. The new system will go live in readiness for our return to school in January. Please look out for an email from us this week containing more details and let the office know if you have not received this by Friday.

KS2 Christmas Carol Service

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Carol concert at the church this Thursday. **Children in Aldridge and Rowntree Class must wear smart school uniform** (unless they have been given a role in the tableau). **Year 6 can wear their own clothes if they do not have a costume as part of the tableau.** Miss White has discussed the expectations of 'own clothes' with her class in detail.

Year 6 children need to arrive at the church at 5.30pm. Year 3, 4 and 5 children need to arrive at 5.45pm.

You should have now received two tickets for the Carol Concert. **Please send back any unwanted tickets by the end of the day 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.

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.

Shop 'til you Drop

On Monday 18th December the PTA will be running our annual Shop 'til you Drop for the children. This is a non-profit event at which the children can come to the hall and buy gifts for family and friends. There are gifts for all the family and even a pet stall. In the afternoon they wrap and label their gifts themselves (with a little help) and bring them home to put under the tree. It is always lovely to see the children considering their purchases and choosing which paper to wrap them in.

On Monday please send your child in with a **maximum of £10 in a named purse or wallet** (pound coins are best), a **clearly written list** of who they wish to buy for and a **carrier bag** for their purchases.

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.

On behalf of all the staff we hope everybody has a lovely week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

December

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