



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #16 Monday 15th January 2024

Welcome back to our second full week of the term. On Friday we will be holding our first Celebration Assembly of the term. Parents, carers, family members and friends are all welcome to join us. If your child is receiving a certificate in assembly, you will receive notification on the preceding Wednesday. Some of you have asked if we can tell you which of your children is receiving an award. Unfortunately, this is not something we can do at present as our system sends out one notification to all of the relevant parents.

Parent Voice

Thank you to everybody who completed the parent survey last term. I am pleased to share with you that 99% of our parents would recommend Great Bardfield Primary School to another parent and comments collected from the survey were on the whole extremely positive. It is important for us to know what we are doing well but it is equally important to know how we can improve. Thank you for all of your feedback.

Parking

Please can I remind all parents to park considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. You should not park across the back gate as this is our emergency access or over any other driveways as stipulated by the Highway Code Rule 243.

Place2Be

The children at our school continue to benefit from the services provided by our wonderful Place2Be practitioner, Suzanne. Parents and carers can also access support through the P2B website and 'Parenting Smart'. Follow the link to find free online courses, tools, tips and answers to questions on a range of topics such as bedwetting, boundaries, anger, mealtimes and many, many more of the issues we have to tackle as parents.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Tutoring

This term, teachers will again be offering four sessions of tutoring after school to selected pupils. The sessions will run on Mondays from 3.15pm to 4pm beginning today. If you have received an email regarding this, please ensure you have emailed your response by today.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our **Spring Term** Sports clubs 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.

This term they will run as follows:

Before School Football **KS1 only**

Monday 8.00am-8.45 am Y1 & Y2

Afterschool Football **KS2 only**

Monday 3:15pm-4:15pm Y3-Y6

Before School Fencing

Be Ready-Be Kind-Be Safe

Wednesday 8.00am-8.45am Y1-Y6

Afterschool Gymnastics

Wednesday 3:15pm-4:15pm Y1-Y6

Afterschool Archery

Thursday 3:15pm-4:15pm Y1Y-6

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

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6689>

After School Club

ASC are now taking bookings. If you would like to book you can telephone Pat Moore on 01371 811580 or 07767 413055

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.

Wraparound Provision

The Government have announced their ambition that all parents in England with primary school aged children will be able to access wraparound care in their local area. We ask that all parents read the letter below from Caroline Brown at Essex County Council and complete the short survey by following the link.

Dear Parent/Carer

Essex County Council is committed to supporting the national wraparound program as part of the childcare reforms announced in the 2023 spring budget. It is the Government's ambition that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it, will be able to access term time childcare, in their local area, from 8am-6pm to enable parents to access employment.

As a parent or carer of a child who attends primary school we want to know your requirements for wraparound care and we are asking you to complete this short survey – <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZLwjRBQ0e02BCvDZWV2-UaK9UQVhXVEtPOE9RT0hYWTJaSVdJRUJOWDdHNC4u>

Your answers will help us understand where Essex County Council should target support and/or funding. Participation is completely voluntary, and we really do appreciate your time in doing this. This survey will remain open until 28th of January, 2024.

If you need support with completing this form, or if you have any questions please email wraparound.childcare@essex.gov.uk

Kind regards

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On behalf of all the staff, we hope you all have a great week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your Diary

January

Monday 15th January

Tutoring begins

Friday 19th January

Celebration Assembly 9am

Friday 26th January

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February

Friday 2nd February

NSPCC Number Day
Celebration Assembly 9am

Thursday 15th February

Film Club

Friday 16th February

INSET Day

Friday 26th February

New Summer Lunch Menu

March

Friday 1st February

Celebration Assembly 9am

Friday 8th March

Celebration Assembly 9am

Mid-Year Reports

W/B Monday 11th March

Learning Reviews

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief

Thursday 21st March

Film Club

Thursday 28th March

Last Day of Term

Holiday Dates

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd

February

Half Term

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Easter Holiday