



# The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #18 Monday 29th January 2024

I was extremely proud of our children in Years Three and Four who had a brilliant time taking part in the Multi-Skills Festival at Felsted Independent School last Friday. They all looked really smart and they were commended on their behaviour and sportsmanship. Being a small school, it is so important that our children have opportunities to learn and compete with other schools. We hope to join in with as many Uttlesford School Sports Partnership events as possible this year.

## **NSPCC Number Day**

This Friday we will be celebrating Number Day. The focus of the day will be on fluency in number skills. We are asking children to wear or dress as numbers and bring a suggested donation of £1 towards the NSPCC. Please come along on Friday at 9am to join us for a special Number Day Assembly.

## **Parentmail (IRIS)**

Please ensure you have registered and downloaded our new parent communication system. The old system will be switched off at the end of this week and you will no longer receive information through this. If you are experiencing any problems in doing this, please speak to Hollie before Wednesday this week.

## **PTA News**

I ask that each family within school sends a representative to our next PTA meeting on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**. When your child joins Great Bardfield Primary School, parents automatically become members of the PTA and it is important that we all work together for our children. Imagine what we could achieve if all 97 families joined the cause! Due to continued underfunding of schools over the last decade or more, sadly, we are ever more reliant on the funds our PTA raises. Your children benefit directly from every penny raised and it is important that the planning and preparation is not left to a few individuals.

There will be prosecco and nibbles to entice you and this is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and teachers and find out about our school in a relaxed, informal situation. To hear about our exciting plans for the year please join us from 7.30pm in the hall.

## **Lost Property**

I am constantly amazed by the volume of lost property we accumulate in school. The box (which is currently overflowing) is kept in the entrance hall so if your child has lost any items so please come and have a rummage. Unclaimed items will be either given to

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the PTA to be sold as the second hand uniform or recycled.

**A reminder to please clearly label all of your child's clothes with their name so that they can be returned to them.**

### **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. Please don't struggle alone. Follow the link...<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

### **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

We encourage all families to consider whether they may be entitled to benefit from this funding stream. Even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage One and benefits from universal free school meals, it is worth applying as this can release extra funds for schools to spend in order to improve outcomes for these children. If you speak to Hollie in the office she will be able to run a simple check for you to see if you are eligible. She is very discrete and it only takes a few minutes of your time.

### **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**

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

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

*Mrs Crow*

### **Important Dates for your Diary**

#### **February**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

NSPCC Number Day

Number Day Assembly 9am

**w/b Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Children's Mental Health Week

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Celebration Assembly

Open Classroom 9.30-10am

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Film Club 3.15pm – 5pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**INSET Day**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

New Summer Lunch Menu

#### **March**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

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Celebration Assembly 9am

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**INSET DAY**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Celebration Assembly 9am

Mid-Year Reports

**W/B Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Learning Reviews

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Comic Relief

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Film Club

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Last Day of Term

**Holiday Dates**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**February**

**Half Term**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Easter Holiday**