



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #19 Monday 5th February 2024

A huge thank you to those of you who donated to NSPCC Number Day. The children looked amazing and spent the day working on a 'back to basics' theme of fluency with numbers. A big thank you to Mrs Smith, our Maths lead, for organising such a great day.

PTA News

I ask that each family within school sends a representative to our next PTA meeting on **Monday 12th 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 on Monday 12th February in the hall.

School Lunches

There are a few spaces left this term for parents to come and share a school lunch with their child on Tuesdays. This term, bookings are open to parents with children in **Garwood and Bawden Class** only. Please only book one session to allow everybody to have an opportunity. In the Summer Term, KS2 parents will be invited to come for lunch.

To book, please speak to Hollie in the office who will put your name down (please do not email). The cost will be £3 per adult and is payable in cash when booking. Please sign in at the office at 11.50am on the day you are coming in for lunch and you can stay in the hall with your child/children until they have finished their lunch.

You will be required to adhere to our strict safeguarding procedures whilst in school and we will provide you with a leaflet on arrival to explain these.

Film Club

On Thursday 15th February we will be showing 'Gnomeo & Juliet' at our Valentines movie club. Entrance is £3.50 and will include a hot dog and a drink. It will run from 3.15pm to 5pm. Please sign up and pay in the school office before Friday 9th February. When booking please let us know about any dietary requirements.

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 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.

Parentmail (IRIS)

Please ensure you have registered and downloaded our new parent communication system. The old system is no longer active. If you are experiencing any problems in doing this, please speak to Hollie this week.

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 fantastic week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your Diary

February

w/b Monday 5th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 9th February

Be Ready-Be Kind-Be Safe

Celebration Assembly
Open Classroom 9.30-10am

Thursday 15th February

Film Club 3.15pm – 5pm

Friday 16th February

INSET Day

Monday 26th February

New Summer Lunch Menu

March

Friday 1st March

Celebration Assembly 9am

Monday 4th March

INSET DAY

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

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