



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #20 Monday 12th February 2024

Last week our school joined in with Children's Mental Health Week. In my Headteacher Assembly we discussed the importance of good mental health and what we can do to keep ourselves well. Suzanne, our Place2Be practitioner, also visited each class to talk about this topic and work with the children on some mental health activities and strategies.

Thank you to those parents who came to our 'Open Classrooms' on Friday. The children were delighted to share their learning with you and show you their classrooms. We will hold another one of these sessions on Friday 22nd March. Parents, carers and families are all welcome to come along.

PTA News

I ask that each family within school sends a representative to our PTA meeting **tonight 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 ninety-seven families joined the cause!**

Due to continued underfunding of schools over the last decade or more, sadly, we are ever more reliant on the vital funds our PTA raises. Your children benefit directly from every penny raised and it is important that

the planning and preparation of events is not left to a few individuals.

There will be prosecco (or tea and coffee if you prefer) 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.

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. Hopefully everybody signed up before last Friday's deadline but we have a few spaces left so please speak to Hollie in the office **today** if your child would like to attend. When booking please let us know about any dietary requirements.

Safeguarding

We have spoken to our Year 6 about switching their phones off before they enter school and not switching them on until they have left the premises each day. As you know, Miss White collects the phones at the door in the morning and these are locked away until the end of the day. This is to ensure the highest standard of safeguarding within our school. We

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would appreciate you reminding your children of this protocol and thank you for your support.

I would also like to remind parents and family that whilst on our school premises, your phone must be out of sight and not used in any areas where there are children. It is likely that you will be challenged by a member of staff if you are seen using your phone so please do not be offended by this. Effective safeguarding of our children is of the very highest priority at GBPS.

World Book Day

The theme of our World Book Day this year is 'Reading for Pleasure'. Over half term we ask that you capture and share a photo of your child reading in a way that is personal to them. We will be making a display of these so please make sure you have their permission and they won't be embarrassed by their photo being on display. There will be prizes on WBD for the most inventive way or unusual places your child is photographed reading something they enjoy. Photos can be shared on Tapestry (Garwood and Bawden) or Seesaw (Aldridge, Rowntree and Ravilious).

I am excited to share with you that during the week, every child will be taking their token up to 'Between the Lines' to choose a book and have the opportunity to read or be read to. Some of you will be relieved to know that **we will not be dressing up this year.**

School Lunches

Please find attached our new 'Summer Menu' which will run from after half term until half term in October 2024. Please remember that we cater for vegetarian/vegan diets as well as any allergies or intolerances your child may

have. Please contact Hollie in the office if you wish to discuss this.

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 really lovely week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your Diary

February

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

Please find attached a copy of our term dates for 2024-25. This can also be found on our [website](#).