



# The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #29 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

I hope everybody had a lovely long weekend and managed to enjoy some sunshine. There are only three weeks until half term so let's hope the weather is kind to us all on the next bank holiday. I have added more Summer Term dates to the end of this newsletter so please update your calendars.

## Attendance

Congratulations **again** to Bawden Class who won Archie the Attendance Bear last week. This special award goes to the class with the highest attendance each week. Well done Bawden! Thank you to all of our parents who support their children and our school in achieving excellent attendance. I wonder if Bawden Class can make it a hat trick next week or a different class will take the trophy?

## Year 6 SATs

During the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 6 children will be completing their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs).

The children will need to be at school for 8am for breakfast, which we will provide, from Monday to Thursday. This is an important tradition at our school which ensures that the Year 6 children come together to eat breakfast with their friends and a time where our staff can settle any nerves that might be present.

Each SAT will begin at 9am so please can **all** parents make a special effort to ensure their children are in school on time. The office staff will be busy from 8.45am and will not be available to sign late children in.

## Funding Crisis

Last week, I wrote to you to illustrate how small rural schools such as ours are struggling financially. Staffing costs account for almost all of our budget leaving very little left for any other resources, repairs and maintenance of our old school building.

For those of you who are in a position to help, we have set up a wish list on Amazon. This list will remain open throughout the year and be updated every few weeks. It contains items such as topic books to aid the children's learning and stationary such as glue sticks, pencils, rulers, etc.

Thank you to those of you have already purchased some of the items – we really are so very grateful and the children and their learning will benefit directly from these.

If this is something you would like to contribute to now or in the future, please follow the link below. We are very grateful for all contributions, however small.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3JOOC9P4O1DC7?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3JOOC9P4O1DC7?ref=wl_share)

## *Be Ready-Be Kind-Be Safe*

### **School Lunches**

This half term, KS2 parents (Aldridge, Rowntree and Ravilious) can book to come and enjoy a school lunch on Tuesdays in the first half of the Summer Term. When booking, please ensure that you can make the date you select as there are only six spaces every Tuesday and last minute cancellations mean that spaces are left empty. If you would like to come for lunch, please book with Hollie in the office. The cost is £3, to be paid at the time of booking.

### **Sports Days**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this year we will be inviting parents to Sports Day on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. I have attached further information to this newsletter again this week. Please read this carefully.

### **Wacky Hair Day**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be taking part in 'Wacky Hair Day' to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. We ask for a minimum donation of £1 per child towards this amazing charity. It is a cause close to many of us within our school community so we encourage everybody to join in.

The internet is full of inspiration so please have a google if you are short of ideas. There will be prizes in Celebration Assembly for the best efforts. Please note – **school uniform must be worn as usual** and only your hair can be 'wacky'.

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

*Mrs Crow*

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

#### May

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Celebration Assembly

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

May Day

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Celebration Assembly

**W/B 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Y6 SATs Week

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Celebration Assembly

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Sports Day 1

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Sports Day 2 (Parents welcome)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Summer Themed Film Club

'Alvin & The Chipmunks'

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Celebration Assembly

Alzheimer's Charity Event -

'Wacky Hair' Day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Half Term Break

#### June

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Swimming Lessons begin

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

KS2 Egyptian Experience

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

KS1 Florence Nightingale Workshop

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Y5 Careers Fair

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Celebration Assembly

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Bring Your Pet to School (pm)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly**

Celebration Assembly

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

INSET Day

#### July

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

KS2 Performance 1.30pm

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Non-uniform 'Bring a Bottle'

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

KS2 Performance 9.30am

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

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Bardfest

**W/B 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Residential

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Celebration Assembly

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Whole School Beach Trip

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Proms in the Playground 3.30pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Celebration Assembly

Stay & Share 9.30am

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Year 6 Pool Party 3.15pm

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Leavers Assembly 2pm

Last Day of Term

**September**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Children return to school

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Reception children start school