

Thank you to everyone who organised, helped out or attended our Scarecrow Festival on Saturday. The weather

held out for most of the day and everybody had lots of fun.

I hope that as many of you as possible will join us for our first PTA meeting of the year on **Tuesday 23rd September at 7pm** in the hall. At the meeting we will finalise the list of events and responsibilities so please come along to ensure your voice is heard.

Home School Agreement

Today, all parents will receive a copy of our Home-School Agreement via Parentmail. We ask that you take time to read this information, share and discuss the relevant section with your child (as appropriate for their age) and then record your agreement to this. This document is important as it shapes how we work together to support your child's learning journey at our school.

Bardfield Bake Off

On Friday 26th September, we will hold our annual Bardfield Bake Off. This is a charity event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support which has become somewhat of a tradition here at school.

If your child would like enter, please bring your contribution to the hall on the morning of the 26th September. This can be a single cake, little cakes, biscuits...anything you have baked. If you do not have the time (or the will) to bake, you can still support this event

by donating a shop bought cake or biscuits.

On Friday 26th September, please join us for coffee, cake and chats between 2pm and 3pm in the hall. The homemade cakes will have been judged and the winners will be displayed along with all of your entries. Any unsold cakes will be sold after school in the school hall. Let's try and beat our amazing total from last year of £300!

Uniform

Last week I reminded parents and children of our expectations around school uniform. Now we have had the week to settle back in, if your child is not wearing the correct uniform, you will receive a message via Parentmail. This will outline what is missing or incorrect and request that it is rectified as soon as possible.

At our school, we take pride in looking smart and following our uniform rules, and we ask for your support in helping us maintain these standards. Please take these reminders in the spirit intended—so that we can work together to set high expectations for our children.

We are, of course, an inclusive school. If there is a genuine reason why your child is unable to wear the correct uniform, I would encourage you to speak to me directly, either in person or by email, so that we can find a solution together.

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Secondary Admissions

A reminder that secondary school place applications for Year 6 close on 31st October. You can make your applications by following the link https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places

Save the Date

Next month, we are extremely fortunate to have been able to book some online safety sessions for our children, staff and parents with 'The 2 Johns'. John and John spent many years working as Police Detectives in various covert roles tackling Online and Offline Child Exploitation The '2 Johns' are regarded as experts in their field and every year they work in hundreds of Primary and Secondary Schools.

The online session for parents will be from **8pm to 9.30pm on Thursday 16th October.** I would encourage all parents to attend.

Christmas Cards

On Friday, you should all have received the artwork your child has completed for our 'Cauliflower Card' project. If you wish to purchase any items containing your child's design such as cards, wrapping paper. Mugs, etc, please order by scanning the QR code on the artwork form or visiting their website. If you have placed an order, you will need to return your child's artwork by **Friday 20**th **September at the latest.** Thank you to Jo Goldsmith who organises this project every year to raise essential funds for our PTA.

We hope you have a great week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

<u>September</u>

Tuesday 23rd September
PTA Meeting 7pm
Friday 26th September
Celebration Assembly 9am
Great Bardfield Macmillan Bake Off
Afternoon Coffee and Cake 2.30pm

October

Saturday 4th October
Open Morning 10am -12pm
Wednesday 8th October
Open Afternoon 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Mon 13th – Wed 16th October
Y6 Bikeability
Friday 17th October
Harvest Festival
Thursday 23rd October
Halloween Disco TBC

Monday 27th Oct – Friday 31st October Half Term Break