

Dear Parents / Carers

This will be the last newsletter of 2021. As a school we'd like to wish you all a happy Christmas and hope you enjoy family time wherever and whoever you spend the holidays with.

This term has been a challenge for many reasons; sickness, absence, toilet refurbishments and curriculum development have been the main ones. Let's hope 2022 starts off more gently!

### 'Christmas Shopping' Enterprise Success

There are certain things that we build into the school year that mean a lot to the children. Christmas enterprise is one of my favourites; the atmosphere around school last Friday was wonderful. Children feel so independent shopping for gifts for their families, (and themselves!), and playing the various games that classes make. Each class starts with a £10 budget and chooses how to spend it with the aim of making a profit... and this year every class made a profit.

Thank you to the FAB team who also gave up their time to run stalls for the children; I know they enjoyed seeing the children enjoying themselves.

Each year group can decide how they use their profit, previously some year groups donated to charity, others bought new wet play games or books/cushions for their reading corners.

<b>Year 6</b>	<b>£73.10</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>£81.80</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>£56.10</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>£80.30</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>£54.85</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>£134.40</b>
<b>Year R</b>	<b>£92.45</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>£36.00</b>
<b>FAB</b>	<b>£252.85</b>

Thank you to everyone who supported this event... you're all on Father Christmas's nice list! I hope you are happy with the gifts that your children chose for you (and ate probably!)

### Staff Changes from January

It is never easy saying goodbye to staff and at the end of term we will be saying goodbye to three members of staff who are all highly valued and respected members of the Bardfield team. We will also be saying "see you soon" to Miss Gilmartin who starts her maternity leave at the end of term. We are very excited to meet another Bardfield baby!

We say goodbye to Mrs Lowrie, who has been a member of the Nursery team since joining in 2018. We wish her success and happiness in her new role.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Sear, who is a TA in year 5. Mrs Sear joined the school in 2012 and has worked in a number of classes. She is very sad to be leaving and I have encouraged her to be a 'reading volunteer' once her health has improved. We are currently advertising for a replacement and I will inform you once this post has been filled.

Finally after 33 years, Mrs Merrion has decided it is time to retire. She has worked at Bardfield since 1988. She is currently a TA in Yellow class, senior midday assistant and leaves as reigning 2021 champion of 'most smarties picked up using chopsticks.'



Thank you Mrs Merrion - you have certainly earned your retirement! We welcome Mrs Bugby, who will be joining Yellow class from the Spring term. We will also be welcoming Mrs Clements, who will be supporting individual children as a SEN TA.

We are very lucky to have such dedicated and caring staff, and I am especially grateful to each of these staff members. We hope they are taking away many fond memories from Bardfield.

### Donated ASDA "Christmas eve" boxes

We were lucky to have a number of Christmas Eve boxes donated this week from Asda, suitable for KS1 and KS2. Some boxes will be given to children selected by the senior leadership team for their excellent effort and attitude this term. The remaining boxes have been given to classes to "randomly raffle" for lucky winners. Thank you Asda - for spreading the Christmas cheer!

### Wonde Vouchers

The government has agreed that vulnerable families, (those eligible for free school meals), will receive £30 Wonde vouchers per child, over the Christmas period. These vouchers will be paid directly to you, if you are eligible once the holidays have started.

### Free Christmas Holiday Club

AFT will be running a free Christmas holiday club at Vange Primary School from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 10am-2pm. It is open to children from Bardfield. All children will receive a free lunch every day and Father Christmas and The Grinch will be visiting. Please use the link to book your child's place.

<https://forms.gle/KaJvK5fpMHFq5VJX6>

### Well Done Purple and Blue Class (Reception)

Despite many children getting chicken pox and one teacher being previously absent due to Covid, reception classes should be proud of their Christmas assembly. It was not our usual Christmas performance but we hope parents enjoyed seeing their child in their first school play.

### No 'Friday club' Friday 17th December

There will be no Friday club on the last day of term. All children will need to be collected at 1:30pm. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Nursery times are also slightly adjusted on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

AM session 8:30am-11am

PM session 11:30am-2pm

Wishing you all a great Christmas.... See you on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022!

Kind Regards



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