



Stars of the Week Hall of Fame

Friday 8th January 2016

6P	Joe Kersey
6C	Polly Harrington
6S	Jack Sandford
5CH	Paris Revill
5S	Jamie Bethge
5C	Isabella Turner-Robinson
4P	Oliver Kleber
4T	Thomas Colley
4CK	Charlie Wood
3S	Inhera Kistapur
3RS	Abigail Ellis
3V	Sonny Anderson
Mid-day Star	Hannah Mohammed

Sharing and understanding your child's progress

We look forward to meeting with parents/carers next week during our Parents' Evenings and sharing information about your child's attainment and progress. As previously announced, there is a workshop on understanding our new assessment arrangements this evening (Thursday 14th January) at 7pm in the school hall. You are all welcome to attend as this will explain in more depth how we have responded to the Government's call for schools to adopt their own assessment systems from September 2015 onwards. Information will also be shared on our website from Friday.



Chelmsford indoor athletics competition

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 competed at Chelmsford Sport and Athletic Centre on Tuesday with great enthusiasm and success. The children participated in running races, throwing and jumping competitions and a range of fun obstacle races as well. Our team came second, which means they will compete in the semi-finals in a couple of weeks' time (details to be shared in due course). The whole team represented Barnes Farm impeccably—well done to everyone for their effort and sportsmanship. Special congratulations go to Emma Diggins and Charlie Friend (both 6P) who won individual awards for demonstrating Olympic values.



Year 3 visit to Barleylands Farm

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited Barleylands Farm as part of their Stone Age topic. They enjoyed a ride on a tractor in order to see crops being grown and were also informed about how Stone Age people would have farmed the land using different tools. The children were thrilled to see the farm animals up close, learning about animal domestication in what was called the 'New' Stone Age. Some pupils even had the chance to feed the sheep and goats! Indoor activities included cooking Stone Age stew and making bread rolls by hand, learning about 'emmer wheat' - the first wheat cultivated in the Stone Age, and replicating Stone Age art using charcoal. A busy and informative day was experienced by all which has helped begin Year 3's new topic in an exciting and memorable way.



House Points Update

Congratulations to Phoenix House who were our winners for the first week of term. We look forward to seeing which House will win the weekly board trophy.



Other Key dates

Thurs 14th Jan	7pm Parent Workshop on understanding the new assessment system—school hall
Mon 18th Jan + Weds 20th Jan	Parent Consultations (Monday 5pm-8pm, Wednesday 3:30-6pm)
Thu 21st Jan	9am Parent Voice in the Barn
Mon 25th Jan	Clubs begin for 7 weeks
Thurs 4th Feb	4T Class Assembly
Fri 12th Feb	INSET Day 4 (non-pupil day)
Thurs 25th Feb	Calculation Workshop 6pm
Thurs 3rd Mar	3S Class Assembly
Thurs 17th Mar	4P Class Assembly
Friday 25th Mar	Good Friday—school closed for Spring break
4th-6th April	Y6 Easter Booster School 3 x a.m.
Mon 11th Apr	Summer Term begins

Planting Trees—Can you help?



We have an opportunity to gain some free trees to plant from the Woodland Trust. Do you know anything about tree planting or can you offer a couple of hours one morning to help the school with this project? Please let us know.



Parents evening bookings

The booking system was very successful once again, but thank you to parents who notified us of any problems encountered when making their appointment(s). A technical issue with database information used by the system was found to be the common problem which we have discussed with eSchools and which will be rectified by the time of the next parents' evenings in Autumn 2016. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.