

# NEWSLETTER

Attendance  
97.8%

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Thank you to all the parents who have passed on so many positive comments about our recently published Ofsted report. I have passed them onto the staff. Please note that if you would like to be a part of shaping the next phase of our school improvement, then please attend the Ofsted-focused ParentVoice meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in the Barn. This will be attended by senior staff at the school as well as Governors. We are really keen to hear your views on what is working well and where we can improve further. If you cannot attend in person but wish to send in your comments, then please email [parentvoice@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parentvoice@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk)

## Y5/6 Parent Workshops

We are holding three workshops aimed at Y5/6 parents (although all are welcome) on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall. Parents may attend as many as they like.

The timings are as follows:

- 6:30pm Y5 Mersea Residential Information workshop
- 7:00pm Helping your child prepare for KS2 SATs 2018
- 7:30pm Y6 Isle of Wight Residential Information workshop

## House Captains



Every pupil in our school had the opportunity to vote for their House Captains on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Any child in Y6 was able to stand for election and they all gave a short speech to sway the votes their way! I would like to thank all the children who had the courage to take part in this democratic process and to all the House members for making such wise choices. Here are the results:

	Captain	Vice-Captain
Griffin	Ben Ross Madysen Raza	Ollie Kleber Mia Smith
Phoenix	Charlie Wood Tilda Coen	Aaron Ravalia Harriet Groves
Pegasus	Tommy Colley Anahera Dzimati	Kenny Hart Megan Gallifant
Dragon	Dylan Prosser Alyssa Efstathiou	Ciaron Robertson Holly Phillips

## Computer Upgrade

Over the summer break, all of our computers were upgraded to use the Windows 10 operating system. Due to this improvement work as well as the administration of the

new class mixing structure, it has taken longer than usual to set-up new users for our home learning features such as Maths homework log-ins. We apologise for any inconvenience and are aiming to be fully operational by the end of next week.

### Positive Lunchtimes

Mrs Crockford and her midday supervisor team have reported how positive the lunchtimes have been at the start of this new term. They have been so impressed by how well the children have played with one another and also how well they have sorted out any disagreements when they have occurred. I congratulated the children on this in the Celebration assembly this week.

### Global Goals



My assembly on Thursday reminded the children about the United Nations 'Global Goals' initiative for sustainable world development by 2030. I will be asking all of our families over the half term (as part of Headteacher's Holiday Homework) to engage with the 'World's Largest Lesson' and take part in some research around 'What's on your plate'.

### 11+ Message

Good luck to all our pupils taking their 11+ over the coming week. We hope that your hard work at school and home translates into success in this examination.

### Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and children to the consultations next Tuesday or Thursday in our main hall. We have re-issued many parent log-ins for those experiencing difficulties booking an appointment but please contact the office if these continue. Club confirmation slips should be out by next Wednesday too.

Ross McTaggart - Headteacher

