

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.8%

[New Winter Menu! Week 1 this week](#)

No 8 November 2nd 2017

Star of the Week Hall of Fame

★ Friday 13th October 2017 ★

6MS Charlie Wood
6C Rayaan Hadi
6S Aaron Ravalia
5M Elliot Wenzel
5V Charlie Chandler
5C Hudson Shirt
4P William Pye
4S Alfie Craven
4CK Lucy Tyler
3SG Myles Williams
3HM Ada Hards
3B Freddie Jones
Mid-day Star – Ruby Winrow

Key Dates

Tues 31st – Thurs 2nd Nov Book Fair

Fri 3rd Nov School Photographs

Sat 4th Nov Family Photographs

Weds 8th Nov Islamic Cultural Day

Thurs 9th Nov Book Fair arrives
Class 5C assembly

Thurs 16th Nov Class 4S assembly

Fri 17th Nov Children in need dress down day (details to follow)

Thurs 23rd Nov Class 3B assembly

Sat 25th Nov FOBFS PTA Winter Bazaar

Sat 9th Dec FOBFS PTA Winter Craft morning

Tues 19th Dec Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children

Wed 20th Dec End of term

Tues 2nd Jan Non-Pupil Day 3

Wed 3rd Jan Pupils return to school

Learning Updates from around school

Barnes Farm Schools strengthen their critical incident planning

This week saw both Barnes Farm Schools launch two new drills to further strengthen our safeguarding of pupils in the event of an emergency. Following staff training on Monday and an assembly on Tuesday we practised a drill named 'Shelter' on Wednesday lunchtime. This is needed where there is an environmental condition or other danger where staying outside would prove dangerous. The children practised coming inside to their classrooms following a signal. We will repeat this drill on a termly basis. Tomorrow, the children will be practising a full evacuation of the school site. This is a highly unlikely eventuality but one that we need to go through once a year from now on. We have approached this difficult topic with the children under the banner of 'being prepared'. This would be an ideal time to have similar conversations in your own home if they haven't already happened around 'what if' incidents linked to fire safety or other emergency situations in the home. More local Essex guidance can be found at <http://www.whatif-guidance.org>

Aim High Climb Higher



We have launched an exciting new 6 week programme with a group of Y5 and Y6 children, in conjunction with Jump Street, in order to encourage the children to challenge themselves and try new things. The children are encouraged to push themselves at various climbing challenges that develop over the six week programme. We will evaluate the impact of this initial programme with a view to wider participation. Thank you to the parents, in particular, who volunteered their time to accompany the children to and from Jump Street.

'What's on my plate?' - Holiday Homework

Thank you for the 'plates' received back so far. Please send any more completed plates in by tomorrow.

Sportsgames Updates from this week - Mrs Vickers

Our football team journeyed to Bishops School to take part in a friendly match on Monday 30th October. The boys worked hard but were ultimately overcome by a superior side and lost 8-1. Thank you to Mr Smart and the many parents who supported the team.

We have had a few applications for the job of Radio DJ from Y3/4 pupils. If you are interested see the blurb below.



Year 3 and 4 BFJS Radio DJs wanted!

We would like to invite any Y3 or Y4 pupil to apply for the role of BFJS Radio DJ at the school.

We will offer full training on how to use the equipment. The aim will be to put on

a weekly show with about 3 other DJs from our Barn studio to broadcast out onto the playground.

The shows can be about sport, music, school life or something that will interest the listener. We are particularly interested if you have the following qualities:

- A desire to learn something new
- A commitment to stick at a skill (even when it is difficult at first)
- An interest in a particular subject or hobby
- The ability to work well with others

Please write a short letter or note explaining why you think you would be a great DJ and send it by email to Mr White (our BFJS radio station controller) at admin@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk or hand a letter into your teacher.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other related items will be on sale from Monday in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. All donations will be kindly received.



Other Updates

Chelmsford Learning Partnership Proposal

12 parents from both schools attended the consultation meeting on the new Chelmsford Learning partnership multi-academy proposal. All parents will receive a simple one-page survey form today which is encouraged to be returned by the close of the consultation period on Friday 17th November. The presentation that was shared and the associated questions that were asked, have been uploaded onto the 'School Info' section of the website

Parent Governors

Any parents wishing to put themselves forward for the position of Parent Governor at the school need to submit applications by tomorrow at 9am. Forms are available from the office in paper format but also attached in this email.

Chelmsford Foodbank

Here is a special message from Ruth Leverett, the project manager at Chelmsford Foodbank regarding the schools' recent donation. *"Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity over the harvest period. Please find attached a thank you letter which we would love you to share with those who donated"*. Please find the letter attached to this newsletter.

Friends of Barnes Farm Schools Notice!

If you would like a stall or know someone who would like a stall at our school fundraising bazaar on the 25th of November please email chairfobfs@yahoo.com for details and a booking form.

First come first served!! We are looking for homemade products, crafts, childrens' items to buy for parents/friends and other seasonal goodies.

Please don't forget we are also collecting for our popular toy stall so please drop your donations to either school office, we are looking for the following:

- **Puzzles**
- **Cuddly toys**
- **Games**
- **Books (childrens only)**
- **NO bric-a-brac**

Many thanks the PTA