



NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.5%

[Winter Menu Week 2 this week](#)

No 12 November 30th 2017

Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 24th Nov 2017



6MS Elliot Pyne
6C Nanette Mensah
6S Millie Page
5M Ruby O'Brien
5V Dylan Jordan
5C Heidi Carr
4P Ben Fowkes
4S Beatrice Bardell
4CK Liam Wright
3SG Bella Coles
3HM Harvey Daniels
3B Isabella Graham-Douglas
Mid-day Star - Charlotte Finlay

Key Dates

- Sat 9th Dec FOBFS PTA Winter Craft morning 10am

Weds 13th Dec Year 3 + 4 Christmas Concert

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

Carol Singing outside Barn 3:15pm

Wed 20th Dec End of term

Tues 2nd Jan Non-Pupil Day 3

Wed 3rd Jan Pupils return to school

Fri 5th Jan Home Learning open afternoon

w/c 15th Jan Parent Consultations

12/2/18-16/2/18 Half term



'Rainforest'
By Grace
Davies Y3



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Learning Updates from around school

Professional Development for the staff at BFJS

As well as the pupils, the staff at BFJS also develop their own learning so as to improve their provision even further. Below are some recent examples of how we support the professional development of the staff at school to benefit the children in our care.

AET Training Level 2 - Autism Awareness Training

The school hosted training on 27th November in the Barn for 7 of our own staff as well as staff from other local schools. The all-day session was led by a specialist teacher and further developed our understanding of how to better support our pupils on the autistic spectrum.

'Pobble Presents' - BFJS hosts a regional teaching event



On 29th November we hosted a regional teaching event in our Barn which was attended by around 30 teachers interested in hearing from 5 different speakers. Topics discussed were raising standards in literacy, improving access to speech therapy and developing themed 'arts' days with greater parental involvement. The event attracted quite a following on Twitter - with the Government Department for Culture, Media and Sport even 'liking' a tweet about our school.

Creating Real Writers and Mathematicians

Miss Pyne and Miss Butterworth are attending this medium-term programme throughout the Autumn and Spring Term to explore fresh evidence-based approaches to raising standards in literacy and mathematics. This programme involves planning, teaching and observing lessons together as well as receiving specialist guidance from colleagues within the Chelmsford Teaching School Alliance.

Visual Impairment training

Two of our staff have attended this 2 day training to further develop our understanding of how pupils with a visual impairment need to be supported. The impact of this training will be not only to support individual pupils, but to also ensure that our school is as accessible for any member of our community with a visual impairment.



FOBFS Winter Bazaar

Last Saturday saw both schools' halls and the Barn bustling with pupils, family and friends attending the Friends of Barnes Farm Schools PTA Winter Bazaar. Stalls selling food, gifts, bespoke artwork, toys and many more items were busy with happy customers and there were games, a tombola and a raffle to enter with many superb prizes on offer. The Barn was the venue for refreshments and gave tired feet the chance for a rest. Both schools' choirs participated and impressed the audience with their cheerful singing. At the time of writing, the estimated profit from the event is anticipated to be about £1000 - a fantastic amount!

A huge thank you goes to the PTA organisers and helpers who plan, manage and run this event every year with great success. We are also very grateful to all families from the Junior School who were able to donate tombola prizes and good quality items for the second hand toy/book stall. Much appreciation goes to staff who were able to assist on the day or beforehand and to our wonderful Year 6 helpers who gave up their time to run stalls so sensibly. Additionally, we are thankful to Beresfords Estate Agents who kindly arranged for 30 advertisement boards to be placed around Chelmsford, free of charge, and to the Barnes Farm families and staff who agreed to have them outside their houses.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the local businesses that supported our prize raffle by donating items/vouchers - their generosity is key to attracting participation in the raffle and thereby helping to raise funds for the schools. The businesses who participated this year were:

- **Jump Street in Chelmer Village**
- **Odeon Cinema in Chelmsford**
- **Bill's Restaurant in Bond Street, Chelmsford**
- **Loch Fyne Restaurant in Chelmsford**
- **The Grange Restaurant in Boreham**
- **The Entertainer Toy Store in Chelmsford**
- **The Lion Inn Restaurant in Boreham**
- **Everyman Cinema in Chelmsford**
- **Colchester United Football Club (Education department)**

Don't forget that booking is now open for the final PTA event of the year - the **Christmas Craft Morning on Saturday 9th December between 10am-12pm in the Junior School**. You can book and pay for tickets on ParentPay in the usual way. Please refer further to the letter issued earlier this week.

Advance Notice: Parents' Evenings - Spring term 2018



Please note that our Spring term Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 16th January between 5-8pm and Thursday 18th January between 3.30-6pm. A letter about the Parents' Evenings, which will include information about the booking system, will be issued before the end of term. Bookings can now be made on the Eschools App as well as online.



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Community News

Tree Planting Success!



On Monday 27th November we successfully planted the remainder of our Woodland Trust donated trees into the perimeter of our site. We had a brilliant 7 volunteers from both the Junior and Infant schools as well as the help of the Gardening club and some of their parents too. It was a real team effort! Thank you.

Barnes Farm's Got Talent!

BFJS is full of talented individuals. The staff wanted to celebrate this by inviting any individuals or groups in each class to put forward an 'act' to showcase to their parents on Monday 18th December. Each class will vote on one act to put through to the Barnes Farm's got Talent Showcase on 18th December - a special assembly where the acts will perform. Parents of the nominated acts will be notified during the week beginning 11th December. Good luck to all!



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