

# NEWSLETTER

Attendance  
97.3%

[Lunch Menu Week 2 this week](#)

No 24 March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

## Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018



6MS Lexi King  
6C Lola Villar  
6S Kenny Hart  
5M Ruben Luther  
5V Daniel Knight  
5C Ruby Hillman  
4P Lillie Romero-Boyle  
4S Lewis Wood  
4CK Max Mathie  
3SG Harry Miller  
3HM Cameron Eley  
3B Freddie Jones  
Mid-day Star – Charlotte Finlay

## Key Dates

**Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** Y5-led Easter Concert 9.30am to parents  
**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar** Sponsored walk + Last day of Spring Term  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Apr** First day of Summer term  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Apr** Y5 Mersea trip FAQ meeting 3.30pm  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr** SRE meetings 3.30pm and 6.30pm  
**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May** Bag2School day  
**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday Monday  
**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> May** Y3-Y5 assessment week  
**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May** KS2 SATs week  
**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May** Y5 Mersea visit  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May** Non-pupil Day 5  
**28/5 – 1/6** Half term holiday  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June** Y6 IOW trip FAQ meeting 3.30pm  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June** Sports Day



A persuasive poster  
for a Stone Age  
weapon from William  
in 3SG

## School games update

### Hockey tournament

Today, 12 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to Chelmsford Hockey Club at Chelmer Park to take part in a multi-schools tournament run by the hockey club. Some of our team members had never played a game of hockey before but were keen to take part in after school hockey club. With this in mind, we were very pleased to come in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place, following a play-off between both teams. At the end of the play-off, with the score line at 0-0, each team had to nominate a player to take a rush goal - one player starting in the goal, running as fast as possible to the ball in the middle of the pitch, and taking it to the other end to score the deciding goal. After quite a tussle for the ball, Louis managed to win the ball to score the final goal! Well done to all involved - everybody showed great team skills and enjoyed every minute. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Sims who came along to help coach the teams.



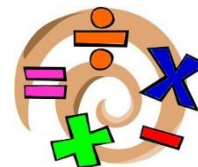
### Girls' Football

Our Years 5 and 6 girls' football team travelled to play against Perryfields Junior School this week. This was the first of their league matches, although they had played in a tournament earlier in the year. The team showed fantastic confidence and quickly went into the lead, winning the game 5 - 1. The girls showed some extremely skilful play and great team work, encouraging each other at all times. Well done to the whole team. Thank you to the parents for supporting the match. Special thanks to Mr White and Miss Payne for training and coaching the team.





## Single Plan Maths Focus



It was good to welcome parents into class in the last two weeks to participate in open maths lessons. The pupils enjoyed sharing their learning with those who could attend and feedback received about the experience has been positive. The school will continue to look at other ways in which we can involve parents directly in learning experiences such as these.



## Friends of Barnes Farm Schools PTA

The PTA has organised a clothes collection by 'Bag2School' for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May - please see the flier attached to the email. This has been a successful fundraising effort in past years due to generous parental contributions.

The PTA's termly newsletter, The Owl Post, has also been issued with this newsletter.

## Welcome to new staff

Mrs Griffiths has begun her maternity leave and we wish her well and look forward to hearing exciting news very soon! During her absence, we are pleased to welcome to the admin team Mrs Sandiford and Mrs Mason who will share the front office duties.

## Science and Invention Day at Anglia Ruskin University

Anglia Ruskin University is holding a science and invention day at its Chelmsford campus on 24 March 2018 between 11:00am - 4:00pm. It is being advertised as a day of fun, space themes workshops, walking tours, and even singalong performances.

The whole family can attend for a day of drop-in, free activity including:

- storytelling
- fun experiments with Sandford Mill
- code club
- Raspberry Pi
- micro:bots
- ozobots
- arts and crafts
- face painting

See the following link for more details: <https://www.anglia.ac.uk/community-engagement/science-and-invention-day>



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## Gardening club

The gardening club members were busy this week planting some daffodil bulbs which will be ready for next spring and will improve the attractiveness of the playground:



## **Volunteers still needed**

We would be very grateful if any parents could volunteer to help work in our beautiful school garden. This could be on a regular or occasional basis - any help will be gratefully accepted. Our dedicated team of parent helpers usually come on Mondays at about 2pm and stay through until 4.15pm in order to help with the children's after-school gardening club led by Miss Pyne. If you are able to assist in this way, please let the office know of your availability.

## Save the dates!

There are two exciting events currently being planned for the end of the school year in July. The first is the Summer Fete, organised by our PTA (Friends of Barnes Farm Schools). This is from **3.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** and will include many of the fun activities and interesting stalls as seen in the last few years.



The second is a new, joint venture with the Infant School - an open air theatre production of Peter Pan by a professional company. This will be a low-cost ticketed event which takes place on our field shortly after school on the last day of term - **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Families will be able to bring picnic teas and/or purchase refreshments and it will be a wonderful way of finishing off the school year.

More details about both events will follow next term.

## **Barnes Farm Junior School in the Essex Chronicle**

A brief report about our visit from Vicky Ford MP two weeks ago has been published in this week's copy of the Essex Chronicle, along with a photograph of Mrs Ford with the school council, governors and Mr McTaggart.

## **SRE information letters and meetings**

An important element of the PSHE curriculum is Sex and Relationship Education (SRE), which is taught to all year groups in Key Stage 1 and 2. Obviously, the content varies from year group to year group and we know that parents appreciate learning about what their child will be taught in advance. To that end, a year group-specific letter has been sent out with the newsletter today to give parents more information. There will also be a meeting about the school's approach to SRE on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 3.30pm and repeated at 6.30pm, to which all parents/carers are welcome.



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