

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
98.3%

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Barnes Farm get the Gold



We were delighted to receive the Gold accreditation for our involvement in developing competitive sport participation in 2016/2017 and furthering healthy lifestyles.



Mrs Vickers leads the school's provision in this area and we increased our award from Bronze level the previous year. As a result of our provision, 100% of Y4/Y5 represented the school in a sporting event over the course of the year such as Y4 Superstars and Y5 Bowls. 18 teachers were upskilled in teaching gymnastics and 22 more clubs or activities were offered.

Well done to all those involved. We are aiming even higher for this year to retain our Gold standard and fully embed this new momentum.



Barnes Farm is a 'School of Excellence'

We have also been accredited with 'School of Excellence' status for our work with the BBC Terrific Scientific investigations last academic year. These involved innovative and exciting ways of engaging our pupils in science work such as 'supertasters' and 'measuring trees'. Congratulations to Miss Cavanagh for leading on this as well as all the pupils, staff and parents who took part in this work.

Cross Country success



We sent a Y6 boys' team to represent the school in the local cross country competition at Melbourne Park last Thursday 21st September. Our team did very well amongst over 140 runners from a wide range of schools. Most notably though, Archie (pictured left) won the race and picked up a medal after the event. He has now been invited to train with the district squad. More cross country events are planned for this year with the next for Y5 being on Thursday 5th October.

Ofsted July 2017 Parent Voice workshop

Minutes are now up on the website for the Parent Voice workshop held on Monday 25th September. It was attended by 7 parents, three Governors who are also parents, the Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors, as well as Mr McTaggart and Mr McIntosh. Although the very positive Ofsted report was acknowledged, the meeting very much focussed on the mixed views of parents that resulted from the Parent View survey in July. It was a very valuable discussion and several recommendations were made for the school to consider. One simple 'quick-win', for example, is to share the current school dinner menu week (see above) on the weekly newsletter. More actions will undoubtedly follow.

Y5/6 Parent Workshops reminder

We are holding three workshops aimed at Y5/6 parents (although all are welcome) tonight 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



Harvest Foodbank appeal



Linking to Harvest, we are collecting food donations this half term for the Chelmsford Foodbank run by the Trussell Trust. This organisation aims to help families and individuals in need in a very practical way, free of charge. The following items are suggested as ideal products for donating:

Tinned vegetables
Tinned fish
Tinned meat & meat pies
Tinned rice
Instant (powdered) custard
Tinned sponge puddings
Cartons of UHT milk
Squash

Tinned Soup
Tinned potatoes
Tinned fruit
Instant (powdered) potato
Biscuits
Cartons of fruit juice
Jam
Tinned vegetables

Items should be non-perishable (tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay. All items should be unopened, in date and in good condition; it is forbidden by law to give away food which has passed its “use by” date. Please send them into school with your child or leave them at the office before the end of half term.

Parent Governors

The Governing Body will be writing directly to all our parents very soon to invite applications to fill two new parent governor vacancies. We are particularly looking for parents with expertise in any of the following areas:

- General finance
- Education policy and practice
- Premises or facilities management

Class assemblies

This term's class assemblies are as follows:

Thursday 9th November: 5C Thursday 16th November: 4S
Thursday 23rd November: 3B

(Year 6 will present a joint Isle of Wight assembly in the week following their visit, therefore there are no individual Year 6 class assemblies each term)



Parents/carers are invited to attend their child's class assembly starting at 9.15am.
Bikeability Half term event Friday 27th October

The cycle safety team will be running a series of led rides along predetermined, low traffic/traffic-free routes, designed to boost confidence for a variety of audiences. Participants can be new to, or returning to, cycling, and the rides aim to encourage regular cycling for all ages.

The rides will be relatively short and focus on leisurely, pleasant and practical routes without too many steep hills; they are not designed for sports riding or training for experienced cyclists. The rides will be 5 miles long with a break half way.

The rides will be led by fully-qualified Bikeability instructors who are all enhanced DBS checked and will complete a risk assessment for every ride.

The cyclist will need to be prepared for the weather at the time and ensure they have a fully operational bike and helmet to take part.

For more details go to <http://www.artofthepossiblefestival.com/events/chelmsford-area/bikeability-ride-chelmsford/>

Are you thinking about a career in teaching?

Lyons Hall Primary and Secondary Partnership are facilitating a session at Honeywood Community Science School, Coggleshall, CO6 1PZ on Tuesday 17th October at 7pm for anyone interested in finding out more about the event. See flyer attached.

Chelmsford History Walks

Please see the attached flyer about how to find out more about the city in which you live!



Ross McTaggart - Headteacher



Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 22nd September 2017



6MS Charlotte Finlay
6C Grace Shea
6S Georgia Kemp
5M Ruby Smith
5V Finley Kilpatrick
5C Owen Robinson
4P Hannah Sims
4S Liam Tickner
4CK William Radford
3SG Layla Howard
3HM Max Illinesi
3B Aimee Green
Mid-day Star – Anahera Dzimati

Key Dates

Thurs 5th Oct Special All-Day Breakfast school lunch on offer
Y6 visit to Duxford

Sat 7th Oct 4pm – 9pm FOBFS PTA Discos

Thurs 12th Oct Revd Anne McKenzie Assembly

Fri 13th Oct Flu Immunisations

Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct Half Term

Mon 30th Oct Non-Pupil Day 2

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

