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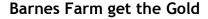


# NEWSLETTER

Attendance 98.3%

Menu Week 2 Click to link to website

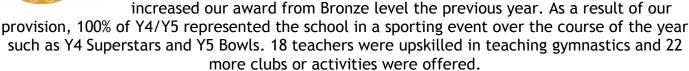
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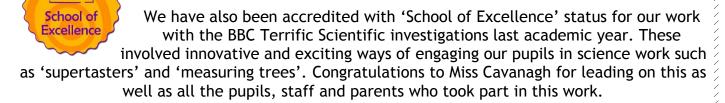
We were delighted to receive the Gold accreditation for our involvement in developing competitive sport participation in 2016/2017 and furthering healthy lifestyles.

Mrs Vickers leads the school's provision in this area and we



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.







#### **Cross Country success**

We sent a Y6 boys' team to represent the school in the local cross country competition at Melbourne Park last Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Ofsted July 2017 Parent Voice workshop

Minutes are now up on the website for the Parent Voice workshop held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



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#### 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 Soup
Tinned fish Tinned potatoes
Tinned meat & meat pies Tinned fruit

Tinned rice Instant (powdered) potato

Instant (powdered) custard Biscuits

Tinned sponge puddings Cartons of fruit juice

Cartons of UHT milk Jam

Squash 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 9<sup>th</sup> November: 5C Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November: 4S

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)



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

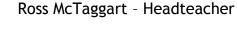
For more details go to <a href="http://www.artofthepossiblefestival.com/events/chelmsford-area/bikeability-ride-chelmsford/">http://www.artofthepossiblefestival.com/events/chelmsford-area/bikeability-ride-chelmsford/</a>

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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!



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#### Star of the Week Hall of Fame



6MS Charlotte Finlay

6C Grace Shea

6S Georgia Kemp

5M Ruby Smith

5V Finley Kilpatrick

5C Owen Robinson

4P Hannah Sims

45 Liam Tickner

4CK William Radford

3SG Layla Howard

3HM Max Illinesi

3B Aimee Green

Mid-day Star - Anahera Dzimati

#### **Key Dates**

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Oct Special All-Day Breakfast school lunch

on offer

Y6 visit to Duxford

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 4pm – 9pm FOBFS PTA Discos

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Revd Anne McKenzie Assembly

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Flu Immunisations

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Fri 27<sup>th</sup>Oct Half Term

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>Oct Non-Pupil Day 2

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov School Photographs

**Sat 4**<sup>th</sup> **Nov** Family Photographs

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Islamic Cultural Day

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Book Fair arrives

Class 5C assembly

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Class 4S assembly

**Fri 17**<sup>th</sup> **Nov** Children in need dress down day (details

to follow)

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Class 3B assembly

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov FOBFS PTA Winter Bazaar

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** FOBFS PTA Winter Craft morning

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper

day in aid of Save the Children

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec End of term





