



Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 9th September
2016

6MS Joshua Mark
6C Esa Ahmed
6S Joshua Abery
5M Charlie Wood
5V Daniel Jansen
5C Taylor Lucia
4P Ruby Hillman
4S Zachary Roman
4CK Isla Lefkaditi
3S Heaven Revill
3HM James Finlay
3B Emeilia Pratley
Mid-day Kodi Friend



The E-Newsletter is coming!



Effective communication with our school community is really important to us. Following on from the new spiral-bound Learning Passports, we are improving our messaging services to you. Next week will be the last time that we generally distribute a paper copy of the weekly newsletter. Accompanying this newsletter should be your individual log-in details for the parent section of the website. Importantly, it also has details about installing the e-schools app. I would encourage all of you to do this as it will ensure you can be notified easily and directly by the school. Texts can be sent directly to the app on your phone or device and you will be notified by the app if any emails have also been sent to your eschools parent account.

Our first e-newsletter will be sent out on Thursday 29th September. Paper copies of all letters will be available to collect from the office if still required.

Barnes Farm Junior Flies Higher!

On the reverse of this newsletter is a personal congratulations letter from Clare Kershaw who oversees the performance of all Essex Schools on behalf of the Local Authority. The Governors were keen for this to be shared as we are in the **top quartile** of Essex schools for attainment from our 2016 results.

'Oliver' production at Chelmsford Civic Theatre.

We are inviting expressions of interest in buying child tickets to see the production of 'Oliver' at the Civic Theatre on Weds 9th November in the evening. Children would be supervised by school staff whilst at the theatre. If interested, please let the Office know by 4:00pm Friday 16th Sept.

Year 6 parents - Secondary School admission applications

Parents and carers of children due to start at secondary school in September 2017 can now apply for their places. Applications can be made using a paper form or online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions by 31 October 2016; the website also enables parents to search for school information and check admissions criteria. **It is crucial an application is received from parents by the closing date.** Letters from the council should have now been received by all parents/carers of Year 6 children, though it is not necessary to wait for an application form or letter in the post. Information about local school open evening/morning dates was sent out by the school last week.

ParentVoice returns!

The first meeting of Parent Voice this term will be on Thursday 29th September at 9am with tea/coffee from 8.45am in the Barn. This is a monthly open meeting when parents have an opportunity to discuss school matters with the Deputy Headteacher, Mr McIntosh. More information, including previous minutes and contact details, is available on the school website.

Key Dates

Thurs 22nd Sept Stranger Danger Parent workshop 7pm-9pm (crèche available)

Mon 26th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:45am onwards in the Barn (cake donations welcome)

Thurs 29th Sept First e-newsletter sent out to parents.
ParentVoice 8:45am onwards (Barn)

Thurs 13th Oct 4P Class Assembly 9:15am

Thurs 20th Oct 3S Class Assembly 9:15am

Fri 21st Oct Non-Pupil Day 1 + Half term

Tues 1st Nov Parent Consultations 5-8pm (No clubs this week)

Thurs 3rd Nov Parent Consultations 3:30pm-6pm

Thurs 8th Nov 5V Class Assembly 9:15am

Sat 12th Nov PTA Winter Bazaar 2pm-4pm

Fri 18th Nov Children in Need 'Onesie' Day

Sat 10th Dec PTA Christmas Craft Morning

Weds 14th Dec 2pm - Y3 Christmas Performance; Y4 at 7pm

Thurs 15th Dec 2pm - Y4 Christmas Performance; Y3 at 7pm

Tues 20th Dec Christmas Lunch available for pupils

Thurs 21st Dec Last day of Autumn Term