



Barnes Farm Junior School



# NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:  
97.4%

<http://barnes-farm-junior.eschools.co.uk>

No 30 May 5th 2017

## Learning Updates around our School

### Polling Day + Jump Street

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the school financially to enable the pupils to spend half of their school day at Jump Street so that the school could remain open during polling yesterday. The children certainly developed their understanding of encouraging healthy lifestyles by walking to and from the venue, researching and devising an information leaflet on aspects of healthy living and finally jumping around for an hours exercise. The children were very well behaved (and very excited) and the staff at Jump Street commented on them being a 'credit to our school'.

### Open Literacy Lessons

We completed our recent round of open lessons for Literacy last week with Y3 and Y5. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from these and will look to repeat this opportunity in the next academic year. The parents who took part told us that it has really helped them to understand better how their child learns so that they can support them more effectively at home.



### Our New Single Plan 4 - Think Scientifically!

Our final single plan for this academic year is to encourage the pupils to think more scientifically. The teachers have planned some great enquiries for the children to undertake with the results on show at our Display Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. We particularly want to promote our pupils to respect the core skills of scientific enquiry so that they are well equipped for learning or employment in the future. Do you use scientific enquiry skills as part of your work? Would you like to make a positive difference to future scientists here at Barnes Farm Junior by sharing with your child's class the skills that are important to use? If you feel that you could contribute your expertise to this area we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office to explain how you might help.

### Change4Life Festival

A huge thankyou to the following pupils who represented the school at the Change4Life Event held at Dovedales Sports Centre in Chelmsford. They are: Jake and Jasmine Creasey, Georgia and Savannah kemp, Millie Page, Ruby Hillman, Katie Goodwin, Ocean-Mae Revill and Owen Robinson.

### Football Achievement outside of school

Well done to William Meek in Y3 who has been selected to play for the Ipswich Town FC Under 9's team. He begins training two nights a week in July - we wish him the best of luck with his developing skills and expertise.

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher



Tel: 01245 467973 <https://barnes-farm-junior.eschools.co.uk>  
<https://www.facebook.com/FOBFSPTA> Twitter @barnesfarmjnr



## Safeguarding Updates

The school was alerted by a concerned parent regarding the alleged spread of an online game called 'Blue Whale' which had been reported by online media as spreading to areas of the UK (including Essex) and originating from Russia. This story is a 'hoax' or 'fake news' but by spreading this can unwittingly encourage young people to copy or consider a dangerous behaviour. I have attached a document to help give parents some extra information about this worrying trend. Following on from the '2 Johns' e-safety training provided in the Autumn term, here is some key advice about keeping safe online:

- Follow the age restrictions
- Put privacy settings on
- Don't participate in anonymous chat
- Block, delete and report users or posts that worry you.

Parents are advised to keep the conversation going at home, to talk to their child about what they are doing online. Schools and family at home should celebrate the exciting things that the Internet brings and provide sensible advice, caution and support if children are taking risks and report if concerned.

## Trespass incident - clarification

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April an incident occurred at lunchtime where a secondary-school aged child climbed over the fence bordering the footpath into our field. He was swiftly challenged by our mid-day team, quickly climbed back over and then left the area. The incident has been reported to Essex Police and we await further advice. We aim to continue planting trees along the whole boundary of our shared school site to further discourage this type of anti-social behaviour. We understand differing versions of this event may have been reported home.

### Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017



6MS Louisa Robertson  
6C Charles Jordan  
6S Evie Roast  
5M James Pavitt  
5V Abigail Chapman  
5C Jamie Pedrick  
4P Jackson Lonsdale  
4S Abigail Geddes  
4CK Heidi Carr  
3S Benjamin McIntosh  
3HM Joshua Roche  
3B Maisie Dean  
Mid-day Joseph Jacobs

### Key Dates

**Week beginning 8th May** Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs week – no clubs this week

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May** 9:15am 5M Class Assembly

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May** 9:15am 4CK Class Assembly 8pm Parent Voice

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May** Non-Pupil day 5

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June** General Election – School Closed

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June** 9:15pm Y6 Isle of Wight Assembly

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Sports Day

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June** 9:15am 3HM Class Assembly

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July** Display Evening

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July** Summer Fete 3:30pm onwards

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July** End of term

