

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
96.8%

[Winter Menu Week 3 beginning 21st January 2019](#)

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Stars of the Week

11th January 2019



Spring Term 2019



- Y6 Charlotte Darnell-Green
Jake Creasey
Ellie Jones
- Y5 Luca Andreotti
Luv Goel
Madison Parkinson
- Y4 Ashton Tobyn
Isaiah Amoako
Oscar Pallant
- Y3 Ashleigh Hughes-Ellis
Kush Goel
Nicholas Leigh

Key Dates

- Thurs 17th Jan 3:30pm-6pm Parent Consultation eve
- W/C 21st Jan Chinese New Year Week Activities
- Thurs 24th Jan Y3 Barleylands Trip
- Tues 5th Feb Y5 Braintree Museum trip
- Fri 15th Feb Y5 Victorian Day and 5V Class Assembly
- Week beginning 18th Feb - Half Term
- FOBFS Spring Ball Saturday 9th March 2019
- Thurs 14th Mar Class 4RS Assembly
- Thurs 21st Mar Class 3M Assembly
- Fri 5th Apr **Healthy Schools Morning** + Last day of Spring Term
- Mon 22nd Apr Bank Holiday
- Tues 23rd Apr Return to school for Summer Term

Parent View Survey Opens following our Consultation week



Thank you to the 93% of parents who took advantage of the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher this week. There will be another opportunity to gain a further update on your child's progress with their teacher in April 2019 with a final report available in July. We are keen for you to respond with your updated views on our school's provision (last updated in July 2018) by following

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LRLVR3V> and completing the Ofsted-style ParentView questions.

Parent Reading Volunteers needed!

Could you donate time to hear Y5 pupil readers between 8:45-9:15am or for some time during the afternoons? If so - please let the Office know.

Mayor Visits Barnes Farm Juniors



The Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Yvonne Spence, made a visit to school on Monday to talk to the children in assembly about the office and role of the Mayor. She spoke about how mayors are elected, what their main duties are and how they work to improve the city for the people who live here. With the help of her assistant, Councillor Spence showed and explained the reasons for some of the mayoral regalia and dressed up one of the children as a mini-mayor, complete with robes, hat and chain. The Mayor talked about democracy, different levels of government and how we are affected by decisions made by representatives, finishing by encouraging the children to aim high in their aspirations, whatever they may be.

Chinese New Year Cultural Week

Week beginning 21st Jan 2019



As has become customary at Barnes Farm Junior School, we will be marking Chinese New Year by holding a Chinese Cultural Week, commencing on the 21st January. This supports the wider cultural benefits of the pupils learning Mandarin as their modern foreign language. Each year group will take part in different exciting activities, which will include Cookery, Calligraphy Writing, Shadow Puppets and Chinese Song and Folk Dance. We will be welcoming Chinese instructors from the Essex Jiangsu Centre to lead on most of these activities.

As we see this as a fantastic opportunity to broaden the pupils' horizons and to expand their cultural awareness, a large proportion of the cost of the activities will be met by the school. However, we would appreciate a **£2 contribution** from parents to help ensure that we are able to continue providing such immersive and 1st hand opportunities and this has been added to ParentPay.

Y4 Still Dominate TT Rockstars Hall of Fame – 15/01/2019



Position	Pupil	Yeargroup	Current Speed
1 st	Dylan McGarrigle	4	0.50 secs
2 nd	Luca Peters	4	0.83 secs
3 rd	Luv Goel	5	0.84 secs
4 th	Ashton Todyn	4	0.85 secs
5 th	Jack Horncastle	4	0.88 secs

Yoga and Mindfulness curriculum offer

As part of our school improvement commitment to valuing mental health on a par with physical health this year - we have been able to recently provide a full 1 hour yoga and mindfulness session for all the pupils. Here is a brief report from the teacher we have accessed (through the use of the Sport premium) to provide this for our pupils.

All classes will have the opportunity to experience a taster yoga and mindfulness lesson this term. The classes who have taken part so far have loved learning a variety of skills to help them calm down, manage their emotions and take care of their mental health.

These skills include :

- Give me 5- use 5 (or more) breaths to settle yourself any time you are angry , bored, stressed , excited etc.*
- Give me 10- a sequence of 10 simple yoga moves with 10 breath ; great for energising the class or calming them down.*
- Stop it, I don't like it-how to be calmly assertive when someone is being unkind to you.*

Year 3 classes and some selected children will be having a course of 7 lessons to help pupils embed mindfulness skills into their daily lives to help them manage stress and improve wellbeing .

I have been so impressed with the respectful behaviour and positive attitude to learning by all the pupils so far. It is a pleasure to be teaching at Barnes farm Junior school.

For more information, or private lessons, feel free to contact me via Facebook- Best 4 Kids UK.

Catherine Eubanks Yoga & Mindfulness teacher

GCC Club returns for the Spring

The G.C.C Club (Games, Cards and Collectibles Club), is returning this February! Barnes Farm's membership-only club for collectors is back for another term and is looking for some new members to join in the fun. There are a limited number of new spaces available for the Tuesday afternoon club and anyone interested in becoming a member should contact the School Office. See attached flyer for more details.

SchoolGames Update

We are delighted that our Sportshall athletics team has qualified for the Chelmsford final next Tuesday. They competed in a wide range of athletic events such as javelin, sprints, long jump and obstacle relays. The team were a credit to the school and we look forward to the final and an equally fantastic team performance. Well done to all involved!

Trip Contribution updates	Chinese New Year week – all years 13% Please support this!
	Year 6 Macbeth Workshop 22nd Jan 52% paid
	Year 5 Braintree Museum 5th Feb 72% paid
	Year 3 Barleylands 24th January 92% paid

Have you booked yet? Time is running out.....

Barnes Farm Schools Charity Spring Ball 2019 at the Lion Inn, Boreham

Bookings available via ParentPay before 31st January 2019



*FOBFS PTA Charity Spring Ball
Saturday 9th March 2019*

*The Lion Inn, Boreham
Prosecco Arrival at 7pm
3 Course Meal
Half Bottle of Wine
Raffle*

*Formal Dress-Masquerade Optional
Tickets £65pp or £120 for a pair
First come, first serve basis
Payment required by Thursday 31st January 2019*

Carriages at Midnight



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'Be a chorister for an afternoon' - recruitment event for boys aged 6 - 10

Saturday 26 January from 2 pm until 6 pm

(choral service at 5.15 pm)

Join the choristers for warm-ups and singing workshops,
play musical games, try on robes, find your singing voice,
and experience the sound of singing inside Chelmsford's amazing Cathedral

*Refreshments are also provided for parents and guardians, who can meet other
choir parents and find out more about this amazing life-changing opportunity.*

*Choir membership has benefits for parents too -
come along with your son and find out more!*

To find out more contact :

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