

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.4%

[Winter Menu Week 3 this week](#)

No 13 December 7th 2017

Star of the Week Hall of Fame



6MS Hayden Bundock
6C Chloe Staines
6S Sam Degge
5M Jake Brooks
5V Ben Laybourn
5C Thanassis Karamitsios
4P Spencer Jackson
4S Ryan Reed
4CK Emily Kong
3SG Isaiah Amoako
3HM Lana Melton
3B Holly Whitehead
Mid-day Star – Aston Cox

Key Dates

Sat 9th Dec FOBFS PTA Winter Craft morning 10am

Weds 13th Dec Year 3/ Year 4 Christmas Concerts
(ticketed event at Church of Our Saviour)

Mon 18th Dec Barnes Farm's Got Talent am/pm

Tues 19th Dec Celebration Assembly

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper
day in aid of Save the Children

Carol Singing outside Barn 3:20pm

Wed 20th Dec End of term

Tues 2nd Jan Non-Pupil Day 3

Wed 3rd Jan Pupils return to school

Fri 5th Jan Home Learning open afternoon 3:15pm

w/c 15th Jan Parent Consultations

12/2/18-16/2/18 Half term

Watercolour Flowers Gallery - Y6



Learning Updates from around school

Reading Update



Miss Smith says that our bookshelves in Library Lane are looking very bare at the moment. Can all children return any school books that they may still have at home please so that others may enjoy them?

Stocking filler list!

The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education @CLPE has produced their favourite books list for primary aged children from 2017. These might make excellent gift ideas at Christmas. Each book has a brief description of why it was chosen <https://www.clpe.org.uk/clpe/library/booklists/clpe-staff-picks-2017>



Minecraft Club gets going in Y3



After a number of frustrating technical hitches, we have been able to progress with our Y3 Minecraft club which is trialling the education version for wider use in school. The children created their



own personalised landscape in a shared collaborative world. Mr McTaggart has had excellent support to run the club from a number of pupil mentors from Y6 and Y4 too. Thank you Elliott, Cullan and Jonathan!

Advance Notice: Parents' Evenings - Spring term 2018



Accompanying this newsletter should be information to support parents on how to book a slot at our consultation evenings on 16th + 18th January. Following the feedback from the last evening there will be three main areas used in order to meet your child's teacher: Y3/4 in the Hall, Y5 in the ICT Suite and Y6 in the Barn. The children's work will be available and teachers will be updating parents on the academic progress from the Autumn term. New for 2018 is the opportunity to book a consultation slot with a Governor too! This new option is available in the same way as booking with your child's teacher.

Barnes Farm's Got Talent

Auditions have been well underway for each class to select their one act to put forward to the school showcase on Monday 18th December. Parents of these successful acts will be contacted next week to invite them along to the talent showcase.

Governor News

We welcomed two new additions to our Governing Body at their meeting on Tuesday 5th December. Mr Jordon Lau has joined as a parent Governor and Mrs Juliet Vickers has also joined as a co-opted Governor. Welcome!

Community News

3PR continues!



Class 6MS won the November parking trophy for collecting the highest number of 3PR tokens over the month. Well done!

3PR continues throughout December. Please take time to read the accompanying guide to our parking initiative if you haven't already. A huge thank you to the vast majority of our parents who continue to park further along Henniker Gate, or at Asda or simply walk to school and therefore reduce congestion. However, it only takes one or two parents to park on the bend outside school for the traffic to quickly snarl up. Please observe the markings and park sensibly.

Supporting the Homeless at Christmas

Essex Youth Offending Team are teaming up with the social project 'Cool to be Kind' to put together rucksacks for the homeless. The team will be sorting through the donations and putting the rucksacks together to donate to the project. The project will be delivering the rucksacks throughout the winter to those who are on the streets homeless. They have set up donation stations around libraries in Essex where you can 'drop' your donations in the labelled wheelie bins. The donation stations will be in place for the next few weeks at the following libraries:

Brentwood
Chelmsford
Billericay
Springfield
South Woodham Ferrers
Great Baddow

The team are in desperate need of **Rucksacks/Sleeping bags and flasks** also:

Underwear

Warm Tracksuit Bottoms

Fleeces

Socks

Bars of Soap

Toothbrush and Toothpaste (if you have a dentist visit scheduled you may want to ask them for some free samples and explain what they are for!)

Spoons

Tins of food (with ring pulls)

Hats

Gloves

Scarves

For any larger donations or if you cannot get to one of these donation stations please email karen.sinclair@essex.gov.uk or phone on 07921 912509 for collection.

Thank you all so much for your support.

Tuesday 19th December 2017 - A Special Day

With the Christmas decorations up around school, the staff and pupils are certainly getting in the mood for this special festival. Tuesday 19th December is a particularly special day for this for the following reasons:



- 1) **Christmas Jumper Day** - We are raising money again this year for Save the Children by encouraging the children to wear a Christmas jumper (or any non-uniform jumper) in return for a donation to this charity. There is an option to donate via Parentpay or you can bring in cash on the day.



- 2) **Christmas Dinner** - pupils and staff will be eating together on this day. Details have already been shared with parents regarding the menu and bookings can be made via ParentPay.



- 3) **Carol Singing** - All staff, parents, carers and pupils are invited to join Y5/6 pupils who will lead carol singing on the steps of the Barn at 3:20pm. It should have a lovely community feel with everyone welcome. Megan in Y6 will also be selling packs of sweets in aid of Farleigh Hospice too.



- 4) **Choir go on tour** - Our choir will be visiting Yeoman Lodge (home for the elderly) and Farleigh Hospice during the day to perform their collection of seasonal songs they have been learning.



- 5) **Celebration Assembly** - We will be holding our Behaviour raffle as well as finding out who has won our House Point Trophy, 3PR parking trophy. Finally, we will also be rewarding our latest set of High-Flying Handwriters too.

Lots to look forward to, therefore, in the final week of school this Autumn term.

Christmas Postbox now open!

The Christmas postbox is now available in Library Lane for any pupils wishing to post Christmas cards to others in school. Please ensure your child writes full name and class on the front of each envelope.