

NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:
97.4%

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Learning Updates from around our school

Year 5 Texas Day



Y5 held a 'Texas Day' today as part of their wider topic work. The children engaged in cooking, devised a treasure hunt and learnt a line dancing routine among other activities.

Year 6 Assembly



Year 6 performed a year group assembly to their families and then to the rest of the school all about their week after half term. It was based on the 'One Show' format and included a variety of news reports, adverts and sketches about their recent visit to the Isle of Wight as well as research all about the history of tea. The children performed brilliantly and clearly enjoyed experiencing the many new events and challenges they faced during this week. Well done to all the staff who helped prepare this assembly in such a short space of time (4 days).

BFJS Sporting Achievements

Y5 Basketball Competition



Our Y5 school team journeyed to St John Payne to compete against 8 other teams in a Level 2 Basketball tournament on Tuesday. The squad played with real grit and skill. They got to the semi-finals and finished 4th overall, losing to the eventual winners.

District Sports

Our athletes competing in field events travelled to the District Sports event on Monday and amassed lots of points ahead of Friday's track races. Two children in particular, Luke Wass and Jessica Tuff, topped their groups with winning performances. Well done to all!

Silence for Grenfell observed on Monday

Once again, the whole school shared with the rest of the country in observing the government's request for a one-minute silence on Monday in remembrance of those who have been affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower in London. Mr McTaggart talked to the children at the end of assembly. The information shared was basic and brief, so that parents can decide how much and in what way to discuss the events:

- This is to remember all those who were affected by fire in a high-rise tower block that happened last week in the London
- We show togetherness as a country and our respect and compassion towards others by doing this
- As part of upholding the British value of 'rule of law', we were observing the silence along with the rest of the country.

The 1 minute silence was then held as the 'reflection time' usually held at the end of the assembly.

Staffing Updates

Please find below information regarding our staffing arrangements for September. Overall, we are delighted to be able to offer a settled and experienced teaching team for next year.

Goodbyes

Miss Rudkin is leaving to take up a Special Needs co-ordinator post across two schools in September. She has covered the maternity leave for Mrs Cato admirably and made a positive difference to the education of some of our most vulnerable pupils during this time. Prior to this, she worked across the school as a class teacher. Her positive diligence over the past 9 years will be sorely missed but we wish her well in her new vocation.

Mrs Leonard is leaving the school after a period of 14 ½ years to (in her words) 'try something new'. Mrs Leonard has worked at the school as a higher level teaching assistant (HLTA) and undertaken higher education training whilst at the school too. She has also served as a staff Governor for many years. Her service and loyalty to the school cannot be measured and we wish her well with this new chapter in her life - whatever it may hold!

Mrs Weir has worked at the school as a learning support assistant for the past nine years and has decided to retire so that she can concentrate on other important areas of her life. We have greatly valued her input to the school, particularly working closely with some of our most vulnerable pupils, in order to make a difference to their education.

Welcomes

Mrs Summers 'junior'. We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Summers gave birth to a baby boy on 12th June (a fortnight early!). Both Mother and baby are doing well.

Miss Butterworth is continuing for a second year at the school to primarily cover Mrs Summers' maternity absence.



Miss Payne joins our team as a teaching assistant with a particular specialism in sport. She hopes to fully train as a teacher whilst gaining experience here at the school.

Miss Dandan Ye will be joining our school from September 2017 to June 2018 as our fourth Chinese Language Assistant. She will continue the recent focus and investment in bringing skilful native speakers to the school in order to deliver our modern foreign language option (Mandarin) across the school. We have been successful in enabling this role to be subsidised by the British Council.

Other News

Class Photographs



On Friday 30th June, we will be taking class photographs to then offer to parents to order via ParentPay. Please ensure that your child is looking smart and presentable.

New Class Announcements

In line with the roll out of our class structure policy, we will be informing parents of the new class arrangements next Thursday 29th June by email. This will be ahead of the 'move-up' transition morning on Thursday 6th July where the children will meet their new class teacher in their new room.

Y6 'Evoke' Video Memories

A general reminder to Y6 parents that the parent-arranged Y6 Evoke Disco Party is on Saturday 8th July from 7pm-9pm.

Due to popular demand, Mr White has worked wonders on editing the video compilation of the pupils' time on the Isle of Wight school journey. This will be uploaded securely next week to the Isle of Wight Dropbox folder and shared with all those parents who gave permission.

Owl Post

Please find attached to this email a copy of the Friends of Barnes Farm 'Owl Post' newsletter. It contains details of recent fundraising as well as news on our Summer Fete on Friday 14th July 3:30pm-5:30pm.



Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Thursday 15th June 2017



6MS Brandon Hughes
6C Joshua Yelverton
6S Zack Viccary
5M Albert Price
5V Abigail Chapman
5C Elliot Pyne
4P Kazuma Evans
4S Alessio Ebdon
4CK Jack O'Connor
3S Jonathan Aberly
3HM Liam Wright
3B William May-Dries
Mid-day Ruben Luther

Key Dates

Fri 23rd June Sports Day 9:00am and 1:30pm

Mon 26th June Parent Voice meeting 9am in the Barn

Wed 28th June Y2-Y3 transition information meeting for Year 2 parents at 6.30pm in the Hall

Thurs 29th June 9:15am 3HM Class Assembly

Fri 30th June Class Photographs

Weds 5th July – Weds 12th July Book Fair in school

Thurs 6th July Display Evening 5:30pm onwards

Fri 7th July Dress-down day (in return for donation to Summer Fete)

Fri 14th July Summer Fete 3:30pm onwards

Tues 18th /Weds 19th July Y6 Production

Fri 21st July End of term

