

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.3%

[New Summer Lunch Menu Week 1 after Easter](#)

No 26 March 29th 2018

Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 23rd March 2018



6MS Ollie Kleber
6C Jessica Gatrell
6S Meadow Herbert
5M Isla Lefkaditi
5V Alika Polden
5C Lily Harrington
4P Arron Appleton
4S Freya Carter
4CK Luca Andretti
3SG Megan Walden
3HM Charlie Gibson
3B Nicola Thurgood
Mid-day Star – Lauren Illinesi

Key Dates

Mon 16th Apr First day of Summer term
Wed 18th Apr Y5 Mersea trip FAQ meeting 3.30pm
Mon 23rd Apr SRE meetings 3.30pm and 6.30pm
Fri 4th May Bag2School day
Mon 7th May Bank Holiday Monday
Tues 8th May Y3-Y5 assessment week
Mon 14th May KS2 SATs week
21st-23rd May Y5 Mersea visit
Fri 25th May Non-pupil Day 5
28/5 – 1/6 Half term holiday
Wed 6th June Y6 IOW trip FAQ meeting 3.30pm
Fri 15th June Sports Day

Non-Pupil Days 2018-2019

04/09/2018 29/10/2018 03/01/2019
04/01/2019 24/05/2019



Our 3PR parking patrol rewarded families who used the 'Park and Stride' route with gifts kindly donated by Asda this week

Class Structure Policy

We can confirm that the staff and Governors have agreed to continue the arrangements for implementing our Class Structure policy in the Summer term. This is because we continue to seek to achieve the following objectives:

- ✓ *To create opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers*
- ✓ *To enable greater social interaction between children as they move through the school*
- ✓ *To ensure that the classes remain balanced in response to pupil transfer and transition during phases*
- ✓ *To promote a greater sense of community in a large three-form entry school*

We will do this by consulting the children (Y2-Y5) on who they think they work best with (over the May half term) as well as the teachers considering the following criteria:

- Gender and age
- Range of educational, social and personal needs
- Level of maturity and attitudes to learning
- Friendships



Laps for Laptops



Our pupils engaged brilliantly with the 'Laps for Laptops' challenge today by completing as many laps of our new mile-a-day track as they could in half an hour. So many of our pupils ran over 2 miles during this time - a superb achievement. Every £1 raised through sponsorship will be matched with £3 from the school in order to improve the pupils' access to IT equipment for use in the classroom. Parents can donate via ParentPay or send in cash (in a secure envelope please) by Friday 20th April. Many thanks to all those who have donated so far - we will announce a grand total in our second week back.

Summer Term Clubs

Please find attached to this newsletter our Summer term clubs offer. Clubs will begin in the 2nd week back (23rd April onwards) and run for 10 weeks so that they finish in the week commencing 2nd July. Children will receive a paper copy of this letter to return to school. Thank you in advance to all the staff and parents who give up their time voluntarily to run clubs for our pupils.

Y5 Easter Concert



Y5 performed their retelling of the Easter story at the Church of Our Saviour on Wednesday 28th March in front of their families. Their singing, narration and acting was excellent and the staff were very pleased with how well the performance went. Thank you to



all the parents and family members who braved the rain to attend the church. Reverend Ann wished everyone a 'Happy Easter' too.

Class Assemblies/Productions for Summer Term

5V Thursday 3rd May 9.15am

4P Thursday 24th May 9.15am

3SG Thursday 14th June 9.15am

Y6 Evening Productions Wednesday 4th July + Thursday 5th July

Y6 Isle of Wight /Leavers Assembly Friday 20th July 9.15am

School games update

BlitzFitMe



This week some pupils from Year 3 attended a competition at CSAC as part of our BlitzFitMe course. This was the first time ever in the UK this competition was run and we had the pleasure of taking part. It was a huge success and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed it. Out of twenty teams our four teams came 13th, 5th, 3rd and 2nd! Well done to all those children! A special thank you to Mrs Vickers, Sara Robson and Oli who all enabled us to have this opportunity, from the Year 3 team.

Mrs Grantham

Secondary Schools

We can share the following Y7 destination schools for our present Y6:

- Grammar schools - 9 pupils
- Great Baddow High School - 34 pupils
- The Sandon School - 29 pupils
- The Boswells School - 7 pupils
- Moulsham High School - 3 pupils
- Hylands School - 2 pupils
- St John Payne Catholic School - 2 pupils
- Basildon Lower Academy - 1 pupil

Gardening club

Volunteers still needed

We would be very grateful if any parents could volunteer to help work in our beautiful school garden. This could be on a regular or occasional basis - any help will be gratefully accepted. Our dedicated team of parent helpers usually come on Mondays at about 2pm and stay through until 4.15pm in order to help with the children's after-school gardening club led by Miss Pyne. If you are able to assist in this way, please let the office know of your availability.

Save the dates!

There are two exciting events currently being planned for the end of the school year in July. The first is the Summer Fete, organised by our PTA (Friends of Barnes Farm Schools). This is from **3.30pm on Friday 6th July** and will include many of the fun activities and interesting stalls as seen in the last few years.



The second is a new, joint venture with the Infant School - an open air theatre production of Peter Pan by a professional company. This will be a low-cost ticketed event which takes place on our field shortly after school on the last day of term - **Friday 20th July**. Families will be able to bring picnic teas and/or purchase refreshments and it will be a wonderful way of finishing off the school year.

Non-pupil days for 2018-2019

04/09/2018

29/10/2018

03/01/2019

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24/05/2019

These match the Infant school too!

Summer Menu

Please find a hyperlink at the top of the newsletter to the new Summer term school meal menu provided by Ashlyns. We are also attaching a copy of the menu for your convenience. We always begin with Week 1 after a school break.

Mid-day Assistants required

We are looking to employ two mid-day assistants for the Summer term onwards. If you are interested in working between 12:00-1:30pm every day to improve the lunchtime experience for our pupils, then please contact the school office for more details. We can offer a busy range of activities to supervise at lunchtime as well as a full induction process. All successful applicants will need to undergo a full safeguarding check.

SRE information letters and meetings

An important element of the PSHE curriculum is Sex and Relationship Education (SRE), which is taught to all year groups in Key Stage 1 and 2. Obviously, the content varies from year group to year group and we know that parents appreciate learning about what their child will be taught in advance. To that end, a year group-specific letter has been sent out with the newsletter today to give parents more information. There will also be a meeting about the school's approach to SRE on Monday 23rd April at 3.30pm and repeated at 6.30pm, to which all parents/carers are welcome.



Charity Skydive

Miss Pyne will be jumping out of a plane on 21st July in order to raise money for Farleigh Hospice. If you would like to support her challenge - then please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cpyne>

Community News

The Essex Victim Support team are looking for reliable volunteers with great listening skills, who have 4 or more hours a week to spare. They will train you to offer emotional and practical support to people affected by crime in our local community. Apply now to be on their next four-day training course this June and you could soon be learning new skills whilst making a positive difference to people's lives. Course dates: 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th of June.

To find out more, call the Essex Victim Support team on 01277 357557 or email essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk or visit www.victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer

And finally.....



Frogspawn has been spotted in our pond area as well as hyacinths growing next to our PTA shed, all cared for by our Gardening club. Thank you to them and to Wyevale Garden centre for the donations.

