



Our Y3/4 school councillors recorded the 'Sleeps 'till Santa' jingle for Heart FM this week



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4S 'SHOCK' the school in their Class Assembly

Parents and pupils enjoyed the hotly anticipated 4S class assembly on Thursday. The



children of 4S took the opportunity to show off much of the work they had done across the curriculum on the topic of Electricity. The Doc and Marty from 'Back To The Future' travelled back in time to find out about the



discovery of the light bulb and the entire assembly was powered by a human electric circuit. The children had a great time preparing for and performing their assembly.



BFJS to appear on Heart Essex radio



The school has had the exciting opportunity to participate in Heart Essex radio station's annual 'Sleeps 'till Santa' feature which takes place every day in December on their *Breakfast with Martin and Su* show. If you are not familiar with this slot, it involves a group of children from a different Essex primary school each weekday being interviewed and announcing the days until Christmas.

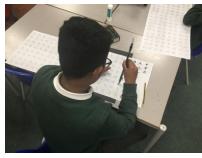
Because the radio station needed only a small group of younger children to take part, we asked our school councillors from Years 3 & 4 to represent the school. This was recorded on Wednesday and the children did a marvellous job answering questions and sounding full of Christmas cheer!

Our slot will take place on **Thursday 6th December** at about 7.30am following the news and then repeated at about 8.30am. The radio show can be accessed in the normal ways and online via this link: <u>https://www.heart.co.uk/essex/radio/</u>

We hope as many members of the school community as possible will be able to tune in and hopefully we will be able to replay the feature during assembly on that day for the children to hear.

Mandarin Club undertake the 1000 character challenge

Mandarin club set about the huge 1000 character challenge this week with different pupils from different yeargroups approaching it at their own level. Good luck!





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Y3 investigate the science of Chocolate

Y3 spent much of last week investigating the qualities and properties of chocolate over in the Barn. This forms part of our cooking curriculum at BFJS and is one of the tastiest bits of our curriculum!





House Football Competition



Our weekly house football competition is well underway with Pegasus v Dragon lower and upper school in the last two weeks. The matches have been organised by the sports ambassadors and kindly refereed by Mr White in the lunch hour. So many pupils have supported everyone playing too!

Christmas Craft Morning Tickets on Sale Monday!



Friends of Barnes Farm Schools PTA are holding their annual Christmas craft morning in the Junior School Hall on Saturday 8th December. There will be lots of lovely crafts to fill the morning, so please come and join in.

Tickets cost £2.50 per school child which includes entrance, the first 50p craft plus a drink and a biscuit. Additional crafts are 50p each, with one £1 craft.

This is always a popular event and tickets will go on sale on Monday 26th November **via ParentPay** from both school on a first come, first serve basis. Children <u>must</u> be accompanied by an adult and tickets will be issued on arrival on the day.





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Do you have a child in Year 2 or know someone who has?

Year 2-3 admissions for September 2019

The process for Year 2 to 3 transfers has changed for Year 3 admissions into junior schools for September 2019; parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school **need to make a formal application to the Council** and can do so via the website <u>www.essex.gov.uk/admissions</u>.

The junior admission round opens on **Monday 12 November 2018**, for parents of children to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via <u>www.essex.gov.uk/admissions</u>.

Community News

Essex Youth Offending Team Rucksack Project 2018 is now LIVE!

Due to the huge success of the 2017 project and the generosity of the public from Friday 23rd November until the end of January young people at Essex Youth Offending Team will be collecting donations for the homeless charity Cool to be Kind once again!

Essex Youth Offending Service have set up donation drop off points across Essex in the Chelmsford library

We welcome donations of:

Sleeping Bags/Rucksacks Fleeces/Warm Coat Tracksuit Bottoms Thick Socks/Gloves Cans with ringpulls/Spoons Toothpaste/brushes/mouthwash New underwear Wooly Hats/Flasks Deodorant/Wipes Cereal Bars Boiled Sweets

Large donations can be collected for further information contact <u>karen.sinclair@essex.gov.uk</u> or on 07921 912509 Thank you so much Essex for all of your support!



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