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Dear Parents and carers,

I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the parents and carers who have enabled such a positive start to the new school year. The children have arrived at school on time, looking smart and ready to learn! The atmosphere around Barnes Farm both inside and outside the classrooms has been very positive in these first few days and bodes well for the rest of the year. Thank you, also, to all the parents who have adapted to the improved security arrangements on the school site - everyone arriving and leaving the site punctually has greatly helped this new set of arrangements to work well.

Ross McTaggart
Headteacher

Parent Consultations

We have decided to revise the schedule for parent consultations this year so that the time you devote to meeting the teacher is even more valuable and focussed. There will now be an opportunity to have a consultation with your child's teacher in January 2019 and again in April 2019 - this will allow teachers to feedback in greater detail on your child's academic progress from the Autumn and Spring Term. Your child is welcome and encouraged to attend both of these meetings too. If you wish to find out how your child has settled in to their new class in the Autumn term - please use the Wednesday drop-in times 3:15-3:45pm.

Essex Young Poet of the Year

We are delighted to announce that Henry Humm, a Y6 pupil last year, was successful in having his poem included in the Essex Young Poet Anthology for 2018. His poem - Sailor's Monologue - was one of many entries that the school sent in last Summer term. The adjudicator (Anita Sackett) commented, in particular, that the poetry from Barnes Farm had 'risen in standard' from the previous year. Well done to Henry and all the BFJS entries for their efforts.

House Elections

All the children in the school took part in voting for a new House Captain and Vice-Captain this morning. They listened to some brave and passionate speeches from Y6 pupils who put themselves forward to represent their house.

The following pupils were elected to the House posts:



	House Captain	Vice-Captain
Griffin	Joseph Jacobs Lucy Cassetari	Olivia Kude-Vitiello Louis Kirby
Phoenix	Joseph Milton Lucy White	Dylan Jordan Alika Polden
Pegasus	Harry Edwards Lexie Mitchell	Toby Scarfe Abigail Stevens
Dragon	Charlie Chandler Jessica Gooday	Isaac Wright Ruby Hillman



Well done to all the pupils who put themselves forward to be elected - it takes a lot of nerves to stand up in front of your peers and ask them to vote for you. All the staff were impressed by the quality of speeches delivered by the candidates. We look forward to the Captains and Vice-Captains representing their houses with responsibility and leadership!

'Understanding my child's behaviour' - An evening course run by the Children's Society

We are lucky enough to be able to offer the chance for parents to attend a free 8 week course run by The Children's Society entitled, 'Understanding My Child's Behaviour'. The course ran last term to great success, in fact 100% of parents who attended reported an improvement in wellbeing, boundaries and behaviour, family routine and their child's education and learning. This term we are able to offer the course on a Tuesday evening between 5.30 and 7.30pm. We hope this means that even more of you will be able to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. If you would like to find out more please come along to meet Sonia at **5.30pm on Tuesday 18th September in The Barn**. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

