

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
96.9%

[Winter Menu Week 2 beginning 17th December](#)

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Stars of the Week

7th December 2018



Autumn Term 2018



- Y6 Jessica Goodday
Isaac Wright
Sonny Farrell
- Y5 Natalya Shilson-Delgado
Emily Kong
Jacob Sandiford
- Y4 Joseph Wain
Holly Whitehead
Luca Peters
- Y3 Maria Stochici
Imogen Harley-Norris
Tara Kane

Key Dates

Tues 18th Dec Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children) and Christmas Dinner

Carol Singing outside Barn 3:20pm +

Weds 19th Dec End of Autumn Term

Mon 7th Jan 2019 Pupils return for Spring Term

Tues 15th Jan 2019 Parent Consultation evening

Thurs 17th Jan 2019 Parent Consultation evening

Week beginning 18th Feb - Half Term

FOBFS Spring Ball Saturday 9th March 2019



Jacob S in Y5 created this hugely detailed WW1 trench as part of his home learning project



Y3 + Y4 Peace Child Productions wow audiences!



Year 3 and 4 children performed twice to a hall packed with family members as they told the story of the Peace Child. There was some beautiful singing from both yeargroups which included soloists, group and part singing too.



Well done to all the performers and a huge thank you to the staff who enabled it to be performed so professionally. A final thank you, as well, to all the family members who took time out of their day to watch the show. Photos are available on the school website under 'Teaching and Learning' Y3/Y4 until the end of term.

FOBFS Christmas Craft Morning success



We hosted the Friends of Barnes Farm Schools Christmas craft morning on Saturday 8th December. There was a wide range of different crafts for the children to attempt and a truly collaborative atmosphere as well. Thank you to all the parents and staff who devoted their time and effort to run the morning which continued this proud tradition across both schools.



Parents' Evening - 15th/17th January 2019

Following on from our Parent Information meetings in November 2018, our teaching staff will be available on Tuesday 15th January (5pm-8pm) and Thursday 17th January (3:30pm-6pm) in order to share more detailed and personalised learning updates from the Autumn term with families. Pupils are encouraged to attend these 10 minute appointments if possible.

In April 2019 there will be a further personalised opportunity to book an appointment with your child's classteacher in order to review progress in the Spring Term 2019 (using the same format as the January parents' evenings).

Finally, there will be our Display evening (27th June 2019) and a full academic report (July 2019) in order to keep you updated on your child's progress and achievements at Barnes Farm Junior School.

Appointments are now available to view and the booking window opens tomorrow - Friday 14th December at 8pm. A separate letter about how to book has been sent to every parent.

Lost Property will also be available at the front entrance until the end of term!

Schoolgames Update

All-In Festival attended



On Thursday Mrs Cato took six pupils along to the All-In Festival organised by the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership at St John Payne. The pupils participated in lots of different sporting activities designed to help improve aiming and sending skills. All the pupils had a go at curling, boccia, golf, football, volleyball and had the opportunity to jump on a huge trampoline. They were excellent ambassadors for the school, improved their skills and most importantly had a fantastic time!

Chelmer RoadRunners Update

We are delighted to be working alongside Chelmer Roadrunners this year. In order to make full use of our fantastic Daily Mile track and to enthuse the pupils about running, Chelmer Roadrunners have delivered running workshops to year 3 and 4 in their PE sessions this term.

An after school club has also run throughout the Autumn term and will continue in the Spring term. Please read the message below - we are very proud of all the children that have taken part so far. Workshops for year 5 and 6 are planned for the latter part of the year when the weather has improved.

'Just wanted to thank you all once again so much for the opportunity to train with the Year 3-4 children during PE this term and also our after school club. They have all done so well and hope they have enjoyed the sessions and are all transferring their skills and enthusiasm to their daily mile and other activities.'

Our after school club members have made just outstanding individual progress. We would like to congratulate them all on their improved coordination skills and running technique and with all of them showing increased endurance (several endurance tests showing an increase of 50% on their bleep test scores) and speed, for example one of our Year 3 members who already had an amazing lap time improving by 20 seconds! We just couldn't be prouder. Well done everyone.'

Chelmer Roadrunners



Match Report- Griffin Upper Vs Phoenix Upper

Reported by Sophie M Y6

As the first game of BFJS's inter-house football tournament, this game was an action-packed fun-filled incredible game. The game started off unsteadily, but with the school cheering, both teams started warming up to the game. Fairly early on Phoenix's Joseph M (also manager and house captain) shot the ball with a top-right hand corner finish and the crowd went wild. But soon after Griffin pulled one back

with Harvey D slotting one past the goalkeeper from a corner. Not any goals for a while but plenty of chances and equal possession as well as many post and crossbar shots. An incredible three saves on the trot for Phoenix's goalie Toby P who has been outstanding in this opening game. But suddenly after a Griffin corner the ball deflects off a Phoenix player and into the net. Again, the play is goalless until the last minute when Sonny N equalizes with a top-centre brilliant goal, which was really needed for Phoenix.

Overall a very exciting match and never a dull moment. The final score was 2-2 and we look forward to next weeks match which will no doubt be just as exciting. Can't wait!

Match Report- [Dragon lower](#) vs [Pegasus lower](#)

Reported by Sophie M Y6

As the second match of the inter-house football competition, the crowds were numerous on Friday 16th November and the managers giving both teams the all-important team talks. The referee, Mr White, blows the whistle and the game is underway. Dragon start off on the attack holding most of the possession but in the first four minutes they just can't find the net, not with Pegasus' goalie Kajas who is on fire. With the managers (vice captains) and crowd encouraging, Pegasus surge forward and in the 9th minute Jake E slots one past the keeper making it 1-nil to Pegasus! The defence in these teams are incredible, neither teams can find the net until half-time. But a mind blowing 15 *seconds* after the whistle Joseph E pulls one back for Dragon, blasting it into the top-right corner. Despite the amazing atmosphere it's another 6 minutes until the next goal, and it's an important one. Dragon manage to take the lead with Joseph E again putting it past the defenders, the crowd go wild and the whistle goes giving a 2-1 victory to Dragon. I'm sure the next match will be just as good as this one, see you there!

Air Ambulance collection

The UK's Air Ambulance Services are charities which rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergencies.



We are now volunteering our time to help raise funds through the recycling of **postage stamps**. All funds raised will be donated to the Association of Air Ambulances to be distributed equally to all UK Air Ambulance Services

Whether the stamps are British or from overseas, new or used, send them to us and we'll turn them into funds to keep the UK Air Ambulance Services responding to life threatening medical emergencies.

All you need to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or packet that you receive in the post and start a collection.

There is a collection box at our main office foyer.

Modelling the 3PR behaviours for our children

There has been a worrying spike in the number of parking-related incidents reported and witnessed recently outside the school. These include:

- parking on verges
- parking across footpaths or very close to junctions
 - mounting the kerb
 - reversing dangerously
- reports of abusive language aimed at local residents

As yet, no-one has been injured or involved the Police but I fear that this will not be too far away unless there is a distinct improvement. We are a school deeply embedded within the housing community of Henniker Gate and surrounding roads and have a huge impact every day on the traffic within this area.

As Headteacher of the school, I recognise my responsibility to encourage safer and healthy lifestyles. I am proud of the way the school has continued to support this by:

- ✓ Supervising the front entrance and turning circle every day
- ✓ Running weekly 3PR patrols to reward healthy and responsible behaviours
- ✓ Enabling flexible opening arrangements in the morning to improve the flow of traffic
- ✓ Liaising with the Infant school to have a joint approach on these matters
- ✓ Liaising with local providers such as Asda to ensure other parking options are available
- ✓ Liaising with the Essex Parking Partnership to examine wider options
- ✓ Being available to local residents to listen to concerns

I call upon all of the parents to do what they can to further support the 3PR objectives and model the best parking behaviours for our children:



Regards,

Ross McTaggart - Headteacher

Tuesday 18th December 2018 - 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 18th 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. There will be special seasonal snack to buy in aid of our chosen charity - Save the Children too.



- 4) **Choir go on tour** - Our choir will be performing to school ahead of them visiting Yeoman Lodge (home for the elderly) and Farleigh Hospice the following 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 and 3PR parking trophy as part of an Autumn term review. We will be rewarding our latest set of High-Flying Handwriters too in January 2019.

Exclusive new event! Booking window now open!

Barnes Farm Schools Charity Spring Ball 2019 at the Lion Inn, Boreham

Bookings available via ParentPay– limited tickets across both schools



*FOBFS PTA Charity Spring Ball
Saturday 9th March 2019*

*The Lion Inn, Boreham
Prosecco Arrival at 7pm
3 Course Meal
Half Bottle of Wine
Raffle*

*Formal Dress-Masquerade Optional
Tickets £65pp or £120 for a pair
First come, first serve basis
Payment required by Thursday 31st January 2019
Carriages at Midnight*