

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
96.6%

[Winter Menu Week 1 beginning 23rd April 2019](#)

No 27 Thurs 4th April 2019

Stars of the Week

29th March 2019



Spring Term 2019



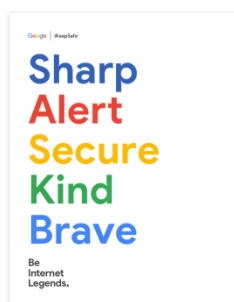
- Y6 Zachary Roman
Cecelia Robertson
Millie Kingham
- Y5 Beth Peart
James Hall
Evie Sharpe
- Y4 Guy Janes
Lucia Johnson
Alex Junior Tshinene
- Y3 Halle Purves
Ashton Millard
Ava King

Key Dates

- Fri 5th Apr Healthy Schools Morning
- Mon 22nd Apr Bank Holiday
- Tues 23rd Apr Return to school for Summer Term
- Thurs 2nd May School OPEN but used for Polling
- Tues 30th Apr + Thurs 9th May Parent Consultations
- Mon 6th May Bank Holiday
- W/b Mon 13th May KS2 SATs week
- Mon 20th – Weds 22nd May Clubs start for 7 weeks
Y5 Mersea Residential
- Fri 24th May Non-Pupil Day 5
- Fri 7th June Sports Day
- Weds 24th July End of term



GCC Club finished off their Spring Term with a dressing-up contest based around dungeons and dragons.



'Be Internet Legends' Assembly

The children enjoyed a 30 minute presentation from ParentZone (supported by Google for Education) this morning where they were informed about how to stay safe



whilst online. Using a combination of digital characters and interactive demonstration, the children were led through various 'lands' such as Kind Kingdom and Tower of Treasure to help them understand how to make informed and appropriate choices. Children can reinforce the messages at home by visiting this interactive game

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland

The children really enjoyed the assembly and managed to achieve 'legendary status' by the end of it!

Farleigh Hospice Charity Campaign



We are still selling adorable Woodland Friend 'Flumpets' at £2 in aid of our chosen charity for this term - Farleigh Hospice despite running out yesterday due to the popular demand for them. They will be on sale for the first week back after the Easter holidays too.

Staff News

Congratulations to the following staff who are getting married over the Easter break:

- Miss Steed will become Mrs Smith
- Miss Pyne will become Mrs Jordan

Mrs Summers is also now expecting her second baby in September - wonderful news!

Mrs Henson, who is a qualified teacher but has worked for us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant since September 2017, is leaving her role in 4RS to gain further teaching experience elsewhere. She will be occasionally returning during the Summer term to provide cover for staff engaging in professional development so it is not a full 'goodbye' just yet!

Friday 5th April - Healthy Mindset Morning reminder

Healthy Thoughts

- Think how clever and awesome your body is
- Be grateful for brilliant things in your life
- At the end of the day, think about what went well, and what you can do to make tomorrow even better
- Have some tools to deal with worry
- Pay attention to the world around you!
- Have positive thoughts
- Find a healthy role model
- Be passionate about something
- Be a good friend and team-mate
- Learn how to deal with your emotions
- When things go wrong, pick yourself up and start over
- Be tolerant of people who are different



Children can wear non-uniform choosing *an outfit which makes them feel good about themselves*. This might mean comfortable clothes to help them feel relaxed or clothes which make them feel confident, their favourite top, bright colours to make them feel happy etc. Some of the activities will take place outside (fingers crossed for dry weather) and some activities involve some gentle movement and stretching so parents should be reminded to dress their children appropriately.

After-School Club gets the Green Light

Thank you to all those who completed the online feedback to our proposal to establish an after-school club at BFJS - it was overwhelmingly in favour. We will now proceed to recruiting and setting up the provision with the aim of starting near to the end of the Summer term and fully operational from September 2019. The main points to know are as follows:

- Based in the Barn
- Proposal has been fully developed in conjunction with the Infant school
- BFJS provision will be for KS2 pupils only
- Infant school provision will be for KS1 pupils only
- Pricing and timing structure of both provisions will be identical
- All-day holiday provision will be planned for
- Childcare voucher facility

Rock Steady Concert



Y3,4 and Y6 filled the hall along with many family members to hear Rocksteady bands perform on Wednesday afternoon. Bands such as 'Spicy Lemons' and 'Steady On' performed a mixture of classic and modern rock songs on guitar, keyboards, drums and vocals. It was a brilliant concert which showed again what great potential, dedication, skill and confidence we have from our pupils.

Reducing Traffic Congestion at BFJS



3PR, the scheme to influence a change in parking behaviours by rewarding those who walk into the 3PR zone directly outside school, has had a positive impact on our morning school run. However, the afternoon is still heavily congested outside school and in neighbouring roads. In the Summer term, we will be implementing the following actions to attempt to change this unacceptable situation:

- Suspend 3PR in the mornings
- Introduce a **'Walking Bus on a Wednesday'** which will leave from the Barnes Farm playgrounds and escort children to the Asda car park where parents will be waiting.
- This walking bus will be staffed by the two schools and will need parents to register their children for it
- **Cone off the Turning Circle** so that cars cannot wait/park/drive through in this area. It causes unnecessary pollution from engines being left on, congestion for children crossing and danger for those directly leaving the school.
- Encourage more school staff to park at Asda and walk to work reducing congestion directly outside school
- Encourage networks of parents to park at Asda and establish their own walking buses



School Planner Competition

The search is on for the front cover design for the 2019/2020 Pupil Passport planner that we issue to every child every year.

It needs to have a space for the school logo (which we can add if needed) and a space for the name of the pupil and their class.

Please send designs in to Mrs Vickers by Friday 26th April

New School Dinner Menu

Please find attached to this emailed newsletter, the new 3 week Summer Menu for both Barnes Farm schools. Please note that Tuesday 23rd April (1st day back) will be a pizza option instead.

Parent Consultations

Also being emailed out are instructions on how to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's classteacher. Parent Consultations are spread across two weeks this time due to the hall being needed for polling on 2nd May. 92% of parents made appointments last term and we are aiming for 100% this time.

The times are as follows:

- Tuesday 30th April 3:40pm-6:10pm
- Thursday 9th May 5pm-8pm

The booking window will open at 8pm on Friday 5th April.