

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.0%

[Winter Menu Week 1 beginning 10th December](#)

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Stars of the Week

30th November 2018



Autumn Term 2018



Y6 Sophie Marsland
William Brown
Owen Robinson
Y5 Tafara Haukozi
Sammy Fanous
William Meek
Y4 Nancy Smith
Alex Kreetzer
Jack Horncastle
Y3 Arthur Rose
Spencer Pallant
Elizabeth Youell

Key Dates

Sat 8th Dec FOBFS PTA Christmas Craft Morn 10am
Tues 11th Dec Y3 Christmas productions to parents
Wed 12th Dec Y4 Christmas productions to parents
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



Our staff
decorated the
school in
readiness for
the Christmas
period



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 will be available to view from Thursday 13th December and the booking window opens on Friday 14th December at 8pm. A separate letter about how to book is being sent to every parent.

Year 3 learn more about how we see and hear



Year 3 received three special visitors on Tuesday 5th December when Mrs Abery accompanied Mr and Mrs Page into the school. Mrs Abery works as a translator for the deaf and she enabled Year three to communicate with Mr and Mrs Page who are both deaf themselves by signing with them. We learnt about the great benefits that technology has



played in improving provision for deaf people as well as some of the remaining challenges. The children asked some very inquisitive questions and Mr and Mrs Page were more than happy to reply about their own experiences. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Abery and Mr and Mrs Page who helped inspire and educate our Y3 pupils as part of their topic around how do we see and hear.

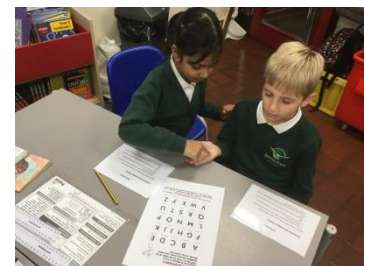
Jacob Bowling's mum came to visit Year 3 the previous week to talk about sensory loss. Year 3 are learning about hearing

and sight, and Mrs. Bowling is a social worker who specialises in helping people who are deaf and/or blind.

The children were able to try on Ear Defenders and glasses which replicated vision loss. Mrs. Bowling spoke to the

children about how they can be kind and communicate with people who have hearing or sight loss. We are very lucky to

have parents within our school community who can share their expertise with us, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Bowling for providing this unique experience to the children!



Polite reminder - Children have been asked not to bring in any trading cards to school

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.

Parent Volunteers needed on Thursday afternoon 13th December



Do you have any time to help the school label up new and existing books onto our accelerated reader scheme on Thursday afternoon on 13th December? No prior knowledge is necessary as the session will be introduced and monitored by Miss Maure (Reading Lead teacher). All we need is just some dedicated time to help the school complete an ambitious project which otherwise would take ages! If you can assist the school, please sign up at the office or email your commitment in.

Christmas Craft Morning Saturday 8th December 10am-12pm



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. Limited tickets will be available on the door.

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. Children must be accompanied by an adult and ordered tickets from ParentPay will be issued on arrival on the day.

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.

Poppy Update



We raised an amazing £438.87 for the Royal British Legion as part of our poppy appeal which contributed to a superb £34,510.46 raised locally. Well done!

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*