

# NEWSLETTER

Attendance  
97.8%

[New Winter Menu! Week 2 this week](#)

No 9 November 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017



6MS Jonathan Woolven-Brown

6C Albert Price

6S Holly Phillips

5M William Brown

5V Jake Barnes

5C Jack O'Connor

4P Joshua Youell

4S Zara Watson

4CK Owen Wheal

3SG Hannah Jaworska

3HM David Popescu

3B Jack Reed

Mid-day Star – Aviv Sharp 3HM

## Key Dates

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Nov** Islamic Cultural Day

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov** Book Fair arrives

Class 5C assembly

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** Class 4S assembly

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** Children in need dress down day (details to follow)

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** Class 3B assembly

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** FOBFS PTA Winter Bazaar

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** FOBFS PTA Winter Craft morning

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** End of term

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan** Non-Pupil Day 3

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan** Pupils return to school

## Learning Updates from around school

On Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome Mrs S Naeem into school to lead a day focused on Islam. During the day, each year group attended a workshop where they learned more about the history of Islam in the U.K. and around the world, the links to and similarities with Christianity and Judaism, and the five pillars of Islam.

Mrs Naeem shared various items with the children to look at and some volunteers got into traditional dress such as headscarves and caps. The children listened to a recording of the first chapter of the Quran read in Arabic and also a recording of the call to prayer. In a whole-school assembly, the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr was explained and described and Mrs Naeem helped the pupils see the similarities in how this festival is celebrated and other religious festivals such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Diwali. After school in the Barn, children were invited to show their parents round a display and we were pleased that so many families took the opportunity to drop in. We were grateful to some of our Muslim families who lent us some of their own belongings to share with the wider community in this way.

The day was very informative and interesting and provided a great opportunity to deepen our pupils' understanding of aspects of the Islamic faith, learn about some of the culture and traditions of Muslims in the UK and in other countries around the world and to promote the British values of tolerance and respect for others.

A full report (with additional photos) can be found on our website:

[http://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/islam\\_day\\_november\\_2017/316637](http://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/islam_day_november_2017/316637)



## Barnes Farm Schools in the press!

Our 3PR Parking initiative made it onto the Essex Live website last week.

Here is the full press report

<http://www.essexlive.news/news/barnes-farm-infant-junior-school-708191>



## Schoolgames Updates from this week - Mrs Vickers

### Tag Rugby



Pupils from year five and six took part in the Chelmsford Schools Rugby Finals on Monday afternoon. The team finished 3rd in their group and were placed 8th over all, following play-offs. Demonstrating a high level of skill and determination throughout the tournament as well as excellent sportsmanship; the children were a credit to the school.

### Cross Country Success



A squad of 25 runners competed at Chelmer Park in the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 league meetings. WE had our best ever set of results with three athletes finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their respective races. Each race had well over 100 competitors in them too! Our Y5 Girls team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall as well. Congratulations to all the participants and a thank you to all the parents who turned out and supported.

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other related items will continue to be on sale until next Monday in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. All donations will be kindly received.

We will be holding a two minute silence at 11:00 tomorrow in the playground to be observed by all children and staff.





## Other Updates

Children in Need Day is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.  
If you would like to support this charitable cause,  
please send your child into school wearing something  
spotty or in a onesie (just like last year) with a cash  
donation (£1 suggested).  
Look out for those 'round pounds' if you still have them  
and donate at the front office.



## **SAVE THE DATE! Winter Bazaar Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-4pm**

The Friends of Barnes Farm Schools will be laying on a fantastic Winter Bazaar on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm-4pm. Please save the date and find time to come and support this vital fundraising and enjoyable event.  
We will be writing to parents shortly with information on how you can support the event over the coming two weeks too.

## **Winter field Trainers**



In years gone by, we would normally have closed the field off to pupils at lunchtime from October half term onwards. However, we trialled a new initiative last year to enable the children to be more active throughout the winter months by keeping the field open during this time. If you would like your child to access the field at lunchtime, please send them in with (preferably) an old pair of trainers in a plastic bag which they can change into at the start of lunchtime. **These need to be different to their PE kit as they can get quite muddy.**