

NEWSLETTER

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Full Return to School

The staff are truly looking forward to welcoming all the children back onsite from Monday 8th March. We have a revised risk assessment in place as well as all the necessary protective measures. I have sent out information this week about some of the finer details too. If you need a refresher – then go to [this link](#) on the News section of our website. Just remember our staggered starts/finishes which I have listed for you again below:

Year Group	Arrive	Depart
3	8:35-8:40am	3:00pm
4	8:40-8:45am	3:05pm
5	8:45-8:50am	3:10pm
6	8:50-8:55am	3:15pm



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their brilliant dedication to logging in, staring at a screen for hours and learning in a style that is not ideal. It is genuinely inspiring to see how much learning means to all of you.

Thank you to all the parents who have adapted, supported and kept in touch throughout this difficult period too. Your support has helped us to help your children achieve in difficult circumstances – you are all stars!

If you have any questions about these arrangements ahead of next week then please use remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk to contact us.

Mr McTaggart – Headteacher

★ Stars of the Week ★

5th March 2021

Y6	Ruby Brown Charlie Gosling	Alex Kretzer	Amalie Hollidge
Y5	Laila Shelford Dylan Wainwright	Dylan Charles	Emilia Chandler
Y4	Scarlett Parkinson Erin Keeley	Emma Carr	Oliver Brown
Y3	Kostek Beba Holly Hughes	Joshua Dodman Lucie Brading	Gabrielle Graham-Douglas Callum Saunders

World Book Day

We will be holding our World Book Day event on **Thursday 11th March** at school. Children are welcome to come to school in their book character costumes that day, and there will be a costume competition for each year group with prizes to be won (plus a book voucher for each child)

Here's how you can get involved in our World Book Day celebrations!

1. Act out a scene from your favourite book. Send a photo or video to remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk, and you might be featured on Twitter, the newsletter, or our school website! By sending us the image, parents give permission for us to share your photo or video. Enter by Wednesday 10th March 3:00pm.



2. Create a book character using an empty toilet roll! Here are some examples:
Send a photo of your creation to remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk or bring this into school. Each entry will receive 5 housepoints, and there are even more housepoints for the top 3 winners in the school! Enter by Wednesday 10th March 3:00pm.



3. Take our [Book Shelfie quiz](#). Each teacher has taken a photo of their own book shelf at home. Can you guess which shelfie belongs to each teacher?
4. Each class will be decorating their classroom door to be like a HUGE book cover!



5. Ask a question to Dr Lucy Maddox, clinical psychologist and author of *What is Mental Health?* Your teacher will have shared more information about this, and a link where you can submit a question.

We can't wait to see how all you bookworms celebrate with us!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Crumlish
Reading Lead Teacher

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The Big Bird Box and Feeder Competition

We are looking to increase the wildlife at Barnes Farm for us all to enjoy. There are never enough holes and hideaways where wildlife can shelter, however we can help them by making a nest box and putting out food.

If you'd like to help the birds around our school, why not have a go at making your own nest box or bird feeder? We would love to choose our best examples to share with RSPB! Here are some links to help get you started;

[RSPB Build a birdbox step by step guide](#)

[RSPB Make a small nest box](#)

[RSPB Make a recycled bird feeder](#)

[RSPB Produce a pine cone feeder](#)

Please ASK AN ADULT TO HELP. You may need to use tools that could hurt you

We would love for these to be hung up in and around our school site after Easter, so please remember to include a hook or bracket. You have plenty of time to design and get creative!

Have fun,
Mrs Jordan

Tivoli gardens

I can see greenery everywhere,
The sound of happy families dances through the air.
The sun shines bright all through the day,
Along with the trees that gently sway.

Children's excitement can be seen everywhere,
As they ride the rollercoasters which raises their hair!
It's a magical place where dreams come true,
I'm heading there, do you want to come too?

Poem by Liam W (Year 4)

