

NEWSLETTER

Attendance: 93.1%

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Positive Parental Engagement at Barnes Farm!

At the end of this week, we have begun to see a fall in the number of Covid cases reported at school. This stands at 11% of pupils with 13% the high on Monday. Our community's experience this week has been very similar to other schools locally (such as Chancellor Park) with the high transmissibility of this current variant. The fact that so many of our parents are testing their children and communicating with the school means that we are helping to minimise this spread where possible. Thank you for all of you who have used Studybugs or the remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk email to do this. **Please continue to follow the public health guidance for close contacts if needed.**

The staff continue to be impressed with the resilience of the pupils, particularly where they have had to access remote learning. We are proud of how we include our remote learners into the heart of lessons, but do not underestimate the perseverance and dedication it takes from children and parents to access this. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel onsite provision for two classes this week (in Year 4, one day each) due to significant staffing challenges. This decision is always made in consultation with the local authority, the wider academy trust and only follows exhaustive efforts to maintain safe staffing ratios in the class. Further strengthening our relationships for learning is one of our school priorities and I am proud of our community's response to this challenge.

Mr McTaggart



House Points Update

Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
			
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Points	Points	Points	Points
346	255	407	631
		 	

Stars of the Week

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Y6 Oliver B
Y5 Kiki
Y4 Kai
Y3 Poppy

Keira C
Laura
Kerem
Olivia A

Emilia C
Ivy
Maisie
Archie S

Reading
Winners
4S 77%

Polite Parade 28th January



Guidance for children onsite before and after school

We have had recent experiences of children who walk to and from school by themselves arriving very early at school or staying late onsite. They are unsupervised and we are concerned about levels of supervision.

Children walking to school by themselves should not be onsite before 8:30am and should leave the school site straight away at the end of the day. Please talk to your child if you think this affects them.

New Choir Club

A new choir club has started on Tuesdays and there are still spaces!

This choir is a really exciting opportunity for our budding and enthusiastic young singers, as it will be led by a vocal specialist and teacher from Essex Music Services. This club is open to all year groups. It will run from 3.15 - 4.15 and will be £3 per week (£24 for the whole eight weeks), with the first session this week.

If your child is interested, please sign up on Parent Pay - we hope they are able to join!



PE Reminders

Mon Y3 Tues Y4 Weds Y5 Thurs Y6

In addition, every Friday there is an additional Sports afternoon for one year group in rotation. Dates for the diary are:

Friday 4th Feb Y4

Please remember to remove earrings! As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has a plain black/navy tracksuit to keep them warm over the coming weeks.