

NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance
97.8%

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Stars of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 20th November 2015

6P Freddie Carr
6C Daniel Marsland
6S Emma Oryema
5CH Lauren Eley
5S Jessica Tuff
5C Jamie Robinson
4P Oscar Ithier
4T Hayden Bundock
4CK Albert Price
3S Adam Jolly
3RS Oliver Dockerill
3V Marian Rodriguez
Mid-day Star Sophie Bradley

'We are taking effective action' - HMI Update November 2015

The report from the HMI Inspector's 4th November visit was circulated yesterday and is now live on the school and Ofsted website. We welcomed the recognition given to the successful implementation of the Single Plan so far and were delighted with the following feedback in particular:

"Teachers provide helpful feedback to pupils about what they have done well and how to improve their work. This is further evidence of consistently high expectations of pupils"

"Teaching assistants are also now used more effectively to support small groups and individuals who need to catch up"

"Pupils now have more regular opportunities to use their basic skills to solve problems"

"The new homework journals give pupils engaging tasks to complete at home; pupils are proud of them and enjoy completing a range of activities"

As planned, our focus will shift to increasing our effectiveness in the areas identified to further improve evaluating our teaching and sharing key strengths. I would like to thank the pupils, staff and Governors for their hard work in enabling these improvements.

This latest report does not change our overall judgement, but marks an important milestone towards our striving to be outstanding by the next full inspection (which will be by April 2017 at the latest)

Coding Club

As this week draws the Autumn clubs to a close, I would like to report how impressed I was with Coding Club's achievements. This club is run by Mr Russell (one of our parents) and the children were so keen to share how much they had learnt this term. Their confidence at trying new things was astonishing and even greater plans await for the Spring Term. Images and video are on the news area of the website—check it out!

Nut-Free Advice

We have a number of pupils at the school with very sensitive nut allergies. In order to keep them safe, please do not send your child to school with nut-based snacks or sandwiches.

Parent Voice

The next meeting is on the evening of Wednesday 16th December at 8pm in the Barn.

The Book Bus will be here next Weds 2nd Dec between 2:30 and 4:00pm outside the school. Why not drop in and browse?

Other Key dates

- 23rd-27th Nov** Last week of clubs
- Sat 12th Dec** PTA Christmas Craft 10am
- Mon 14th Dec** Y3 Production 2pm,
Y4 Production 7pm
- Tues 15th Dec** Y4 production 2pm,
Y3 production 7pm
- Weds 16th Dec** Christmas Dinner and
Jumper Day
Parent Voice 8pm
- Fri 18th Dec** INSET DAY 2
- Mon 4th Jan** INSET DAY 3
- Tues 5th Jan** Children return to school

Wanted!

 Have you any silicon chocolate moulds that you no longer need or could lend? 
Year 4 would be grateful for any donations for their topic in the Spring term - 'Should We Stop Eating Chocolate?' If you do have any to donate to the school, please bring them into the school office where they will be passed on to the Year 4 team.
Many thanks - Design and Technology Leader.



The Friends of Barnes Farm Schools raised over £900 to be split equally between the two schools at our recent Winter Bazaar. The Junior school will be using this donation to contribute to our planned multi-use games area. Thank you!

Middy Assistants REQUIRED

Do you have an hour to spare at lunchtime to help our pupils have a safe, successful and enjoyable lunchtime? We are recruiting to boost our mid-day team. Please enquire at the front office to be sent an information pack or contact us by e-mail. Closing date is 4pm Friday 4th December.