

### **Barnes Farm Junior School**



# NEWSLETTER

Attendance 97.1%

NEW Spring term Menu Week 3 beginning 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 No 16 Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020



It is hard to believe we are already in 2020 and only a few weeks away from being half-way through our school year. We hope families across the school enjoyed the Christmas break and we have been pleased to see everyone back.

#### Home Learning projects

We have enjoyed reading through and looking at the various home learning projects that have been coming into school this week. Below are some examples from Year 4 - models of Viking longboats from Isobel, Halle, Ethan, Alice and Orla in 4H. There will be more examples from across Years 3-5 to share in the newsletter next week as well.

#### **Key Dates**

#### 2020

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Parent consultations 3.40-6.10pm

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** Parent consultations 5-8pm

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Y6 Mock SATS week

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 'Green' Day (letter to follow)

w/c 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Half term break

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb INSET Day 4 – pupils do not attend

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Chinese enrichment days

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr Healthy Schools morning & End of term

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr Summer term begins

Non-Pupil Days 2019-2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Bank Holiday change – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 now 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020







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#### **Defibrillator installation**

We reported at the end of July the fantastic fundraising effort by one of our parents, Michelle Eley, who raised money for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator on the Barnes Farm site. A number of unforeseen obstacles had to be overcome in order to have this equipment properly installed, which caused delays, but we are very pleased to announce that this is now fitted to the side of the Barn (opposite the Infant school) and ready for use.





The defibrillator is available for use in an emergency but to ensure it is not improperly accessed, there is a keypad lock integrated into the casing. The code is known to Junior and Infant staff, including at both school offices.

Thank you once again to all those who donated to Mrs Eley's fundraising to enable this very important piece of life-saving equipment to be added as a medical resource for both schools and the local community.





#### **New School Caterers Launch at BFJS**



Pabulum, our new school caterers, launched their new dining experience this week. The company has invested a considerable amount in both Barnes Farm schools (while keeping the meal price at £2.20) to launch the new menu. This investment has included new serving hardware, tablecloths, plates and cutlery.





The children have responded very positively and numbers are up! The children can select at the counter for what they want to eat and can help themselves to a well-stocked salad bar. Desserts have been a huge hit too!

If you are considering school meals then these can be booked through ParentPay.

Remember - if you are in receipt of certain benefits such as income support or income based job-seekers allowance, you could be eligible for free school meals. If your application is successful, the school also receives £1300 annually to further support your child's learning in school (pupil premium allowance).

Contact the school office directly if you want to find out more or to apply.







## The Naughtiest Unicorn Book review by Grace from 3C

Mira goes to unicorn school and wants to have a new best friend but ends up with a lazy unicorn called Dave. When they were in their class, the Naughtiest Unicorn fell asleep. Dave never ate what he was supposed to eat... just doughnuts and unhealthy stuff! He even jumped over a hurdle to snatch a doughnut! In the story, the mean boy is in trouble and the unicorn goes on an adventure to save him. I liked this book because it was really funny and made me feel joyful! I would recommend the book to Year 3 and Year 4 boys and girls. I give it 3 stars because I would have liked the unicorn to do more silly things.







