

Attendance  
97.3%

[Winter Menu Week 1 this week](#)

No 14 December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Star of the Week Hall of Fame



6MS Violet Cox  
6C Harriet Groves  
6S Megan Gallifant  
5M Lucy White  
5V Hannah Mohammed  
5C Lilia Eldridge  
4P Maisy Brooksbank  
4S Natalya Shilson-Delgado  
4CK Isabella Rail  
3SG Jasmin Lefkaditi  
3HM Ada Hards  
3B Thomas Ing  
Mid-day Star - Zachary Roman

## Key Dates

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** Barnes Farm's Got Talent am/pm  
**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Celebration Assembly  
Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children  
Carol Singing outside Barn 3:20pm  
**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  
**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan** Home Learning open afternoon 3:15pm  
**w/c 15<sup>th</sup> Jan** Parent Consultations  
**12/2/18-16/2/18** Half term

Minecraft  
inspired  
Christmas Tree  
Gallery -  
Y3/Y6  
Minecraft Club



## Learning Updates from around school

### Reading Book Amnesty

Will all children please have a look at home for any BFJS reading books which may be on shelves (or under beds) at home? Please return over the next few days so that other children may enjoy them in the Spring Term.

### Y3 and Y4 Christmas Concert



Our Y3 and Y4 pupils welcomed many family members to their Christmas concerts at the Church of Our Saviour on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The singing, narration and acting was of a very high



standard and it was lovely to see the event so well supported. Thank you to the staff for rehearsing so efficiently for this event and adapting to the new surroundings on the day!

### Schoolgames Award Update

#### Bronze Ambassador Sports Report

*Report by Charlotte, Lily, Finley and Cian (Y6 Bronze Ambassadors)*

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2017, the bronze ambassadors came together in the barn and discussed ideas on what an ambassador needs to be like. After that, we split into pairs and each pair had 15 mins to plan a game for the year 4 children to take part in. Next, we (the bronze ambassadors) all went into the hall to get some equipment and then Cian and Finley started to get the year 4 children to play their game, which was football. When the boys had finished, Charlotte and Lily got the year 4s to play their game, which was netball. Overall everyone had a lot of fun- but mostly the year 4s.

### Essex Allstars Cricket Mrs Vickers



Four pupils from year three and four members of staff attended training for a new cricket initiative 'All Stars Cricket' organised by Chelmsford Schools Sports Partnership. Essex and England cricketer, Aaron Beard, was in attendance and the children were lucky enough to get their certificates signed. The initiative is aimed at children from 5 - 8 years old. Watch this space for a new club to begin in the Summer term.



Sports leaders from year six have taken the initiative to promote skipping at break and lunch time. They have devised some skipping activities and will be launching them next week with some randomly selected pupils.

### Barnes Farm's Got Talent

Auditions have been well underway for each class to select their one act to put forward to the school showcase on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Parents of these successful acts will be contacted next week to invite them along to the talent showcase.

### New Headteacher at the Infant School

Mr McTaggart welcomed Mrs Zanya Farmer as the new permanent Headteacher at the Infant school for a tour around our school this afternoon. Mrs Farmer takes over from Mrs Walker in January 2018 and we wish her well in her new role. We have identified areas in which the two schools can work even more closely.

## Community News

### Christmas Craft Morning



Our Friends of Barnes Farm Schools prepared an excellent craft morning for children and parents from both schools on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 12pm. The range of activities were truly engaging for the pupils and there was a wonderful communal atmosphere throughout the event. Many thanks to the PTA members and school staff who ran the event and to the parents who supported it.



### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - A Special Day

With the Christmas decorations up around school, the staff and pupils are certainly getting in the mood for this special festival. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is a particularly special day for this for the following reasons:



- 1) **Christmas Jumper Day** - We are raising money again this year for Save the Children by encouraging the children to wear a Christmas jumper (or any non-uniform jumper) in return for a donation to this charity. There is an option to donate via Parentpay or you can bring in cash on the day.



- 2) **Christmas Dinner** - pupils and staff will be eating together on this day. Details have already been shared with parents regarding the menu and bookings can be made via ParentPay.



- 3) **Carol Singing** - All staff, parents, carers and pupils are invited to join Y5/6 pupils who will lead carol singing on the steps of the Barn at 3:20pm. It should have a lovely community feel with everyone welcome. Megan in Y6 will also be selling packs of sweets in aid of Farleigh Hospice too.



- 4) **Choir go on tour** - Our choir will be visiting Yeoman Lodge (home for the elderly) and Farleigh Hospice during the day to perform their collection of seasonal songs they have been learning.



- 5) **Celebration Assembly** - We will be holding our Behaviour raffle as well as finding out who has won our House Point Trophy and our 3PR parking trophy. Finally, we will also be rewarding our latest set of High-Flying Handwriters too.

Lots to look forward to, therefore, in the final week of school this Autumn term.