

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
98.0%

[Summer Menu Week 3 beginning 16th Sept 2019](#)

No 2 Thurs 12th Sept 2019

Stars of the Week

6th September 2019



Y6 Elizabeth Hutchinson

Alfie Craven

Sofia Adams

Y5 Lucia Johnson

Nancy Smith

Sami Mohammed

Y4 Anna-Rose Lonsdale

Aaron Paley

Lilly Crush

Y3 Parisa Mohammed

Harry Reed

Tristan Johnson-Marr

Key Dates

Thurs 12th Sept Year 4 Parent Information Meeting 6-7pm

Weds 18th Sept Year 5 Parent Information Meeting 6-7pm

Thurs 19th Sept Year 6 Parent Information Meeting 6-7pm

Mon 23rd Sept onwards Club provision begins

Thurs 26th Sept Year 5 Mersea trip meeting 6pm

SATS information meeting 6.30pm

Year 6 Isle of Wight trip meeting 7pm

Non-Pupil Days 2019-2020

- 3rd Sept 2019 4th Nov 2019 6th Jan 2020
- 24th Feb 2020 22nd May 2020

Bank Holiday change – 4th May 2020 now 8th May 2020

2020-2021

- 2nd Sept 2020 23rd Oct 2020 4th Jan 2021
- 22nd Feb 2021 28th May 2021



Our new photos have been displayed around the school



Home Learning Expectations



any aspect of home learning so we can add this to considerations for changes in the future.

We are retaining the format for Home Learning that was established last year, and a separate, detailed letter has been emailed along with the newsletter this week. Teachers have been/will be explaining this as part of the Parent Information Meetings this week and next but you are always welcome to ask for clarification from your child's class teacher at any point. Please also give us feedback about

Parent Information Meetings

As part of our commitment to sharing key information with you, we are hosting a parent information meeting for your child's year group (see dates below). This is a general meeting where the teachers will introduce the expectations for the year including home learning (spellings, maths etc), our Autumn term curriculum plus any other key information to share. There will be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and ask any general questions around your child's first term too.

Individual parent consultations are scheduled for January 2020 and again in April 2020, where the class teacher will give you a detailed insight on your child's attainment and progress in key areas. Finally in the Summer term you will, of course, receive your child's full annual academic report.



There is no need to book for the Parent Information meeting and children are welcome to attend but this is not essential. Simply come along to the main school hall at the time listed below. If you are unable to make the time below, we will post information on our website which will provide of a summary of the key areas discussed.

Autumn term clubs

Our very full Autumn term clubs offer has been detailed in a separate email to all parents and we would invite you to consider the options in advance of booking opening via ParentPay on Monday 16th September at 8pm. This is the first time we have used this booking process and we encourage you to be prepared with your choices and ensure you have login details for the website to hand.

Year 5 Mersea trip 2020, Year 6 Isle of Wight trip 2020 and SATS information meetings

We are inviting parents in Years 5 and 6 to attend information meetings on Thursday 26th September to find out more about the residential trips and SATS testing next year in May. Although the SATS meeting may be of more immediate interest to Year 6 parents, Year 5 parents are also very welcome to attend and we have scheduled the times accordingly:

6pm: Year 5 Mersea residential trip meeting

6.30pm: SATS 2020 meeting

7pm: Year 6 Isle of Wight residential trip meeting



The meetings will take place in the hall and there will be short breaks in between each to allow parents to leave/arrive. Year 5 and 6 pupils do not need to come but are welcome to attend with their parents if necessary.

House Captains/Vice-Captains elections

All the children in the school took part in voting for new House Captains and Vice-Captains last week. They listened to some thoughtful and passionate speeches from Y6 pupils who put themselves forward to represent their house.

The following pupils were elected to the House posts:

	House Captain	Vice-Captain
Griffin	Spencer Jackson Millie Curtis	Will May-Dries Isabella Rail
Phoenix	George Yelverton Maisie Dean	Ben McIntosh Ava Lambert
Pegasus	William Meek Lily Frost	Jacob Sandiford Freya Carter
Dragon	Tafara Haukozi Zara Watson	Kai Carter Beatrice Bardell



Well done to all the pupils who put themselves forward to be elected - it takes a lot of nerves to stand up in front of your peers and ask them to vote for you. All the staff were impressed by the quality of speeches delivered by the candidates. We look forward to the Captains and Vice-Captains representing their houses with responsibility and leadership!

Eschools App



If you have not yet installed or used the Eschools App, there is a user guide on our website which helps outline the process, including the format of the school name to look for - **barnes-farm-junior**. This can be found on the website here: *School info > Eschools Parent Guides > Using the Eschools Parent App*
Installing the app allows notifications (emails and urgent school messages) to come direct to your phone.

Secondary School applications for Year 7 in 2020

The admission round for the September 2020 Year 7 in-take is now open and parents of current Year 6 children will be able to make applications using the Essex County Council website. The Admissions Team at the council has advised that as with last year, letters to parents about applying will not be sent, and all application information is published on the website. It is essential that parents of all Year 6 children apply for a secondary school place by the closing date of **Thursday 31 October 2018**.

Kit for Schools collection from Aldi



Aldi have launched a new initiative to support PE and Games in schools and we would appreciate participation from parents and friends of the school who shop at the store. Aldi shoppers can now pick up Team GB stickers to send into primary schools whenever they spend £30 or more. All the school needs to do is to add the stickers to our Aldi's 'Kit for Schools' poster - 300 stickers guarantees our school a sports kit and a shot at their

£20,000 school sports prize. Please send the stickers into class with your children.