

NEWSLETTER

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Parent Information Meetings

We are delighted that we can now offer an opportunity for parents to come into the school to get an overview of the expectations and FAQ for their child's yeargroup. On **Thursday 23rd September** we are holding information meetings for Y3-Y5 parents in each classroom. Due to Covid restraints, we can only allow **one parent** to attend and this will be for adults only. Each meeting will consist of a short presentation by the classteacher and then time for general questions or exploring the learning environment.

The times are as follows:

5:30pm - 6:00pm Year 5 **6:00pm - 6:30pm** Year 4 **6:30pm - 7:00pm** Year 3
Year 6 parents are invited to a general 'Preparing for the SATs' meeting on Monday 1st November at 6pm in the main hall.

PE at BFJS



Our PE curriculum providers, Sports Coaching Solutions, began work this week and have made a positive impact already. They will be teaching the entire PE curriculum (including gymnastics/dance) over the course of the year as well as support lunchtime/after school provision. The lessons this week were exciting, dynamic and engaging for the children



and we are thrilled at the start they have made. A number of children wore earrings for PE this week - please ensure these are removed on PE days so that your child can take part. The main days are as follows:

Monday Y3 Tuesday Y4 Wednesday Y5 Thursday Y6

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

Friday 17th Sept Y4 Friday 24th Sept Y5 Friday 1st Oct Y6 Friday 8th Oct Y3

Midday Assistant Required

We are looking for a midday assistant to join our fantastic team and improve the lunchtime experience for our children even further. Could you do this? Click here to find out more and maybe even apply [Midday Assistant \(essexschoolsjobs.co.uk\)](https://essexschoolsjobs.co.uk)

Stars of the Week

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Y6	Laila Shelford	Mya Engall	Ava King
Y5	Ellen Brown	Ivy Hards	Abigail Kilpatrick
Y4	Chloe Lambert	Sebastian Tucker	James Dixon
Y3	Evan O'Donnell	Yiannis Karamitsios	Saanvi Serene

Contacting both Barnes Farm Schools - JUST 1 NUMBER!



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The two Barnes Farm schools are working ever more closely together to aim to deliver as seamless an experience for you and your family as possible.

All general enquiries for either Barnes Farm School can be made by phoning 01245 467973 or dropping by the Junior school office. Mrs Jukes and Mrs Harris will be ready to help you. If your enquiry is finance-related, then Mrs Mason and Mrs Godfrey will be based at the Infants, but can be reached through the same number - 01245 467973.

StudyBugs supports attendance and saves our staff time!



80% of our parents used Studybugs last year to report a child's absence. This free reporting tool allows parents access to NHS-backed advice on symptoms and lets the school know of a child's absence directly at anytime. Download from [here](#)



Daisy Aims High and Climbs Higher

Over the Summer, Daisy (in Y4) completed the Three Peaks Challenge and raised an amazing £750 in honour of her auntie who sadly passed away. She climbed Snowdon, Ben Nevis (pictured) and Scafell Pike with her family. She said that Scafell was the trickiest because she actually had to pull herself up the rock at some points!

Daisy described her achievement to the school in our weekly celebration assembly and received a round of applause. Well done Daisy!

Guidance from Essex County Council

Please find attached to this newsletter some important guidance from Essex County Council and Public Health England regarding Covid-19.

New Build



The initial phase of the build is going well. Next week comes the 'cement pour' which I'm sure will be very exciting for the children to observe.

New MUGA gates were installed and we practised our revised fire drill successfully.



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