

NEWSLETTER

↑ 96.9% Attendance

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New Lockdown Arrangements

Like all UK schools, we have been directed by the Government to remain open during the new national lockdown. New guidance has just been issued to schools which builds on the full opening guidance received in September. We have been extremely proud of the response of our school community to this current crisis. The children have been attending school regularly and responding so positively to their learning; their behaviour has been excellent. Parents and carers have overwhelmingly supported the school's protective measures by wearing masks onsite, adhering to the staggered start/finish times and communicating effectively with the school when needed. The new guidance prohibits after-school clubs or competitive inter-school sporting activities. In order to continue to keep us all safe and reduce the risk of transmission at this current time, we continue to ask all parents/carers to:

- *Continue to wear masks onsite (unless exempt)*
- *Keep to the school timings - don't arrive too early*
- *Avoid gathering with other adults from different households - stay socially distanced*
- *Keep children from different year groups **apart** (unless siblings) on way to and from school or if waiting*
- *Communicate with the school by phone/email as a first course of action*

REDUCED staggered start/finish times from Monday 9th November

We have reviewed our start/finish times in the light of how well the current system has been working, the revised guidance and the changing weather and are implementing revised timings from Monday 9th November. We have reduced the timings to gaps of 5 mins rather than 10 mins. We hope that this eases difficulties that many parents and childminders have faced with multiple drop-offs.

Year group	Doors open	Doors close		Arrive onsite from	Finish time/doors open
3	8:35	8:40		2:55	3:00
4	8:40	8:45		3:00	3:05
5	8:45	8:50		3:05	3:10
6	8:50	8:55		3:10	3:15*

**Year 6 to leave the site through the main car park gate*

Barnes Farm Junior School on film!

We are proud to announce the premiere of a new film which has been produced to promote the school. Supported by the Chelmsford Learning Partnership, we have been able to capture the essence of our school in a short film which we would like everyone to share with friends, family and the local community. You can view the film [here](#). Below are some stills from the film. Enjoy!



Calling all singers and musicians

Calling all singers! Usually at this time of year, the choir would be working hard to put together some Christmas songs to perform at Farleigh Hospice or sing to the rest of the school in assembly. This year, we're unable to sing together in person, however Mrs Summers would still like to put together a virtual performance of the song **Jingle Bell Rock** with the pupils of Barnes Farm Juniors singing. Do you want to be involved? All you have to do is **download** the performance track of Jingle Bell Rock which will be on the school website, **practise** it and **film yourself in landscape** singing along to it. Further details of how to record yourself will be made on the school website shortly. Please then email it to Mrs Summers by 25th November.



Mrs Summers would also like to put together a virtual Christmas music concert featuring any pupils from Barnes Farm playing their musical instruments. If you play a musical instrument, please video yourself playing anything you have been practising or learning at home (it doesn't have to be Christmas themed). Then email it to Mrs Summers by 25th November, and she will put it all together for everyone to watch by the end of term.

We are regular readers

Our library system is up and running with children able to scan and borrow books out each week. Every week, the teachers share the percentage of their class who are reading at least 5 times a week for 10 mins or more (with a parent signature in the learning passport). Here are the results for last week:

3J	75%	4CK	28%	5S	69%	6J	42%
3C	53%	4W	87%	5V	57%	6C	77%
3S	79%	4H	46%	5SG	39%	6S	35%

Well done to 4W!

Our remote learning plan is now operational so if your child is well enough to access learning but having to stay at home then we can provide support each day so that any disruption to learning is minimised. They need access to an internet-enabled device and to log in to their Office365 account. Details of how to do this were sent before half term. We can then enable them to listen in on many of the lessons being taught and share the teacher's screen. A link to our remote learning letter is [here](#).

Below is a memorandum of understanding for using our remote learning package.

This is in place to make clear our commitment to ensuring everyone's safety, respect for each other and the appropriate use of the technology. Parents and pupils are not being asked to sign to indicate agreement; rather, this will be an expectation for the whole school community to adhere to.

Remote Learning Memorandum of understanding between pupils, parents and school

The memorandum deals with the use of Microsoft Office 365 for Remote Learning purposes by pupils of Barnes Farm Junior School, particularly with reference to the ability to communicate via email, using video and audio facilities and the ability to capture images, audio and video.

Terms of use of Office 365

- Only the pupil of the school, with supervision and assistance of their parent/carer, can access the remote learning through the use of Office 365. People outside the pupil's family are not allowed to see or listen to the video stream.
- It is not permitted to record the live stream or capture still images or audio using another device.
- All communication must be appropriate and use language that is respectful and polite.
- Any use of Office 365 programs by pupils must be within the limits of the responsible use agreement found in the Pupil Passport (page 3)

Breach of agreement

- If this agreement is found to be violated, it may result in restricting the pupil's access or possibly replacing it altogether with an alternative learning offer.
- Any breaches of behaviour or any unacceptable conduct will be dealt with in accordance with our Relationships for Learning policy.



Healthy Eating Options for Packed Lunches



Our midday staff believe that many of our packed lunches in school could be even healthier than they are at the moment. At times, there seems to be more chocolate than there should be as part of a balanced diet! We have a [school food policy](#) which can be found here for our approach to teaching about healthy eating. [This link](#) to the BBCGoodFood site, has really tasty and simple ideas for making your child's packed lunch in a healthy, speedy and scrumptious way.