

NEWSLETTER

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Mindful Mondays

Parents received an email on Thursday regarding the guidance for our fortnightly Mindful Mondays. The day will start with an assembly which I will lead at 9:05am and I look forward to seeing all the children attending. Then the children are free to begin any of the guided activities off-line. We would love to know how it went and are happy to share any images sent in to remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk on Twitter too.

Remote Learning Survey 2

As part of our monitoring of the remote provision, we are asking all parents to take a few minutes to complete the feedback form on how effective the provision is. Our last survey was really useful for us to know where to focus our attention (and what to make sure we preserve) so let's see if we can get more than 61 responses this time. The survey closes on Monday at 9:30am. The link has been sent to all parents.

Lateral Flow Testing

From next Monday, our onsite staff will have access to lateral flow Covid tests. They will be taken in the mornings so we ask for your understanding in the unlikely event of needing to close an onsite bubble at short notice, but this will be for everyone's safety.

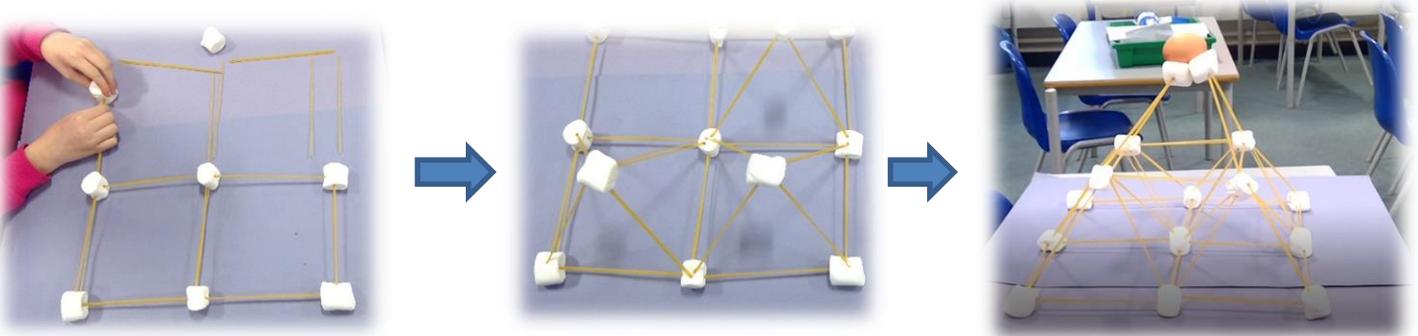
How to contact staff

Some parents are still contacting teachers through their child's Office365 account. Please use remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk for ALL remote learning queries and we will ensure the response is dealt with by the best member of staff. All emails this week were responded to within hours and is the preferred method of communication whilst we are under the current circumstances.

Ross McTaggart
Headteacher

Curriculum Achievement

Our Y6 onsite group created this effective structure to balance a fresh egg without it dropping using just spaghetti and marshmallows. Brilliant!



PE Days Onsite

Children attending onsite on a day when they have PE can come to school already changed to help save time.



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Train to Teach Locally

Please see the attached flyers regarding opportunities to be trained within local schools to professionally teach with Essex Schools Direct. Our multi-academy trust is a local teaching hub accredited to provide this training.

Free School Meals Eligibility Checker

Some parents may be entitled to free school meals for their child. Please use the attached guide to simply check online if you are eligible - it takes minutes!

Importantly, if successful, this then triggers additional funding direct to the school to support your child even more until they leave in Y6.

★ Stars of the Week ★

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Y6	Joshua Finch Charlie O'Callaghan	Jack Reed	Jack Horncastle
Y5	Jake Abery Ethan Maclver	Sienna Tucker Sana Khatib	Logan Walpole
Y4	Edward Patch Parissa Mohammed Liam Wheeler	Scarlett Parkinson Rohit Majumdar	Katie Page Jessica-Rose Lambourne
Y3	Libby Burgess Chloe Lambert	Ella Skingley Holly Fowkes	Jack Richard