

NEWSLETTER

96.0% Attendance ↓

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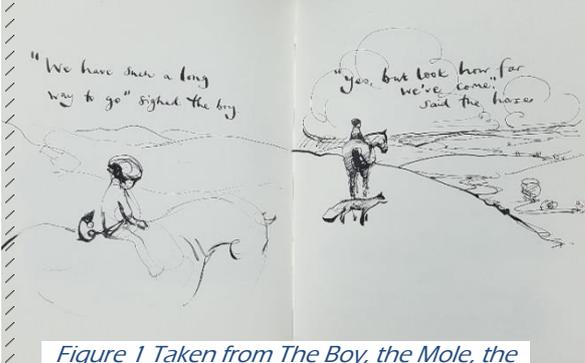


Figure 1 Taken from *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charles Mackesy

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable break

The local impact of coronavirus has affected our school particularly this week with four classes having to self-isolate and access learning remotely.

The manner in which the children, staff and parents have

responded to this latest challenge has been admirable. I would like to thank all those parents who have worked with the school to trust their children with us throughout this difficult time. The staff have been particularly touched by the many gifts and thank you messages they have received over the past few days and weeks too. They have managed to spin so many plates to keep each class feeling together despite some having to self-isolate at home.

Can I remind you that if your child gets a positive Covid-19 test result back before Wednesday 23rd December, with any symptoms experienced up until Sunday afternoon, then contact covidcontact@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk to inform us. After this date, contact Test and Trace as per the attached letter.

I am so proud again of the provision we have been able to make for our children to make their final week special at school -some of which is detailed below.

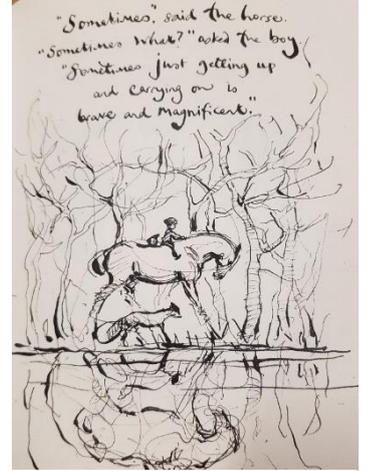


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We also say goodbye to Mr McIntosh who leaves us as Deputy Headteacher to take up the reins as Headteacher at Baddow Hall Junior school. He has worked tirelessly at our school since 2014 to further the standards for all the pupils through his teaching, leadership, voluntary work and (of course) assemblies. He will be greatly missed and we wish him every success at his new school and thank him for all that he has done here.

Finally, I want to wish each and every family a safe and enjoyable Christmas break, however you are spending it, and look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 5th January.

Ross McTaggart
Headteacher





Santa Dash - Ready Steady Go!

On Friday 11th December we took part in the National School Games Santa Dash along with many other schools around the country. The children came to school dressed in red and white or a Christmas Jumper and ran at least one mile around our track. Thank you to all those who took part and please donate to our Charity Appeal.



Last call for our Christmas Charity Appeal via ParentPay!



We have raised £72 so far for our chosen charity of Farleigh Hospice this term. We are asking all parents to consider donating the money they would have spent on Christmas cards to bring into school to donate to our charity appeal on Parentpay instead. All of the events we have laid on in recent weeks for the children Santa Dash, Christmas Carol performance etc, are all free and are to encourage charitable donation at this time of year. Please give generously!



Christmas Dinner hits the spot!

We successfully catered for all the children who opted for a Christmas lunch on Wednesday with Christmas crackers and a full turkey/vegetarian spread. The atmosphere was wonderful and was a reminder of the joy this season often brings. Thank you to all the families who supported with such fantastic jumpers too.



Parents' Evenings January 2021

Sadly, we cannot meet parents in person in the school due to the current covid restrictions. However, we have arranged for a virtual set of parents' evenings to be held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 12th January and Thursday 14th January.

You can view the booking window via your eschools account and then make bookings from Monday 7th December at 8:00pm onwards.

A Christmas Carol



Chris Connaughton from InText productions, entertained the whole school (at home and in the classroom), with his Zoom version of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. After performing for nearly an hour, he then took the time to answer questions from the children about his job, the story and anything else they wanted to ask. It was a superb production which truly brought the story alive.



Reading Challenge Champions Week 12 - Class 6C with 86%

Stars of the Week

4th December 2020



Autumn Term 2020

Y6 Jack Engwell
Y5 Daniel Oriol
Y4 Eloise Hollidge
Y3 Kostek Beba

Guy James
Anna-Rose Lonsdale
Ki-Ki Parsons
Layla Dixon

Isabella Graham-Douglas
Ashton Millard
Ivy Hards
Lucy Poulson



Griffin	0
Phoenix	4
Pegasus	4
Dragon	2

Well done to Phoenix and Pegasus who share the termly House Points Cup with 4 cups each. Reward of extra playtime next term!!