

Staffing News

After nearly 23 years of loyal service at Barnes Farm Junior school, Mrs Hollick has decided to retire from teaching at the end of the Summer term. She has been a valued member of the staffing team and seen many teachers (and Headteachers) come and go! Most pupils will only have experienced their final year at Junior school with her but it has more than set them up for Secondary school and beyond. Many ex-pupils return to the school and ask for her by name which, in itself, tells a huge story.

As if to balance this out, I'm pleased to share that her daughter-in-law Mrs JL Hollick is returning from maternity leave after half term to join Class 4 as their classteacher alongside Mr McIntosh. Mrs Cornforth will also be rejoining the school in September in a classteacher role.

Visit from Ghana

Mr Osei, the Headteacher of DaCosta Academy in Kumasi, Ghana, visited the school last week. He met with pupils and staff and took part in a skype call with a class back in Ghana. The Ghanaian pupils even asked some of our pupils to 'sing the national anthem' which was politely declined! Although some progress was made with planning, it has been hugely difficult to maintain an effective relationship with the school over such a long distance. The decision has therefore been made that we will scale back our commitments but still retain our aim to improve our pupils' overall global awareness, particularly with our link school in China.

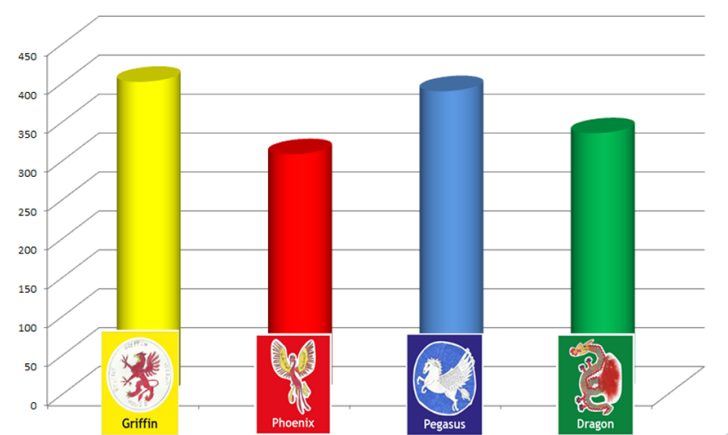



Year 5 head off to Mersea Outdoors Activity Centre from Monday to Wednesday. They are being accompanied by Mr McTaggart and a team of Y5 staff and parent volunteers. You can follow their exploits on Twitter and we wish them good weather to accompany them on their journey!



With the changeable weather at the moment, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for all possible climates! This will help us ensure that we can send children out for playtime as much as possible. Thank you.

House Point Totals Week 4



Learning Journal Gallery

Next Thursday 21st May at 3pm sees an open invitation to all parents to view and celebrate homework completed over the past half term. Doors will open at 3pm. We hope to see you there.

Other Key dates

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| Thurs 21st May | Class 10 Assembly |
| Fri 22nd May | Non-Pupil Day 4 |
| Thurs 11th June | E-Safety Parent/Pupil workshop |
| 15th-19th June | Problem-Solving Week |
| Fri 3rd July | Sports Day |
| Fri 10th July | 'Houses' Family Feast 1pm |
| Tues 21st July | End of Term |
| Thurs 3rd Sept | 1st day of Autumn Term |

Non-Pupil Days 2015/2016

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| 23/10/15 | 18/12/15 | 04/01/16 |
| 12/02/16 | 27/05/16 | |

Thank you to all those who marked the 2 mins VE Day 70 silence with the Infants



Congratulations to all the Y6 pupils who completed their SATs this week in Reading, Grammar and Mathematics. Results will come through in July and be reported by the end of term.

HEADLICE



We have had some very unwelcome visitors recently. Please check your child's hair regularly and use either wet-combing or medicated products. For more advice go to www.nhs.uk