

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.2%

[Summer Menu Week 3 beginning 9th Dec 2019](#)

No 13 Thu 5th Dec 2019

Stars of the Week

29th November 2019



Autumn Term 2019



Y6 Keenan Chan
Oscar Kingham
Dola Olarewaju
Y5 Max Illinesi
Holly Whitehead
Liam Plumb
Y4 Keira Carter
Yusaf Ahsan
Lejla Besic
Y3 Alice Fanous
Erin Keeley
Harry Cansdale

Key Dates

Mon 9th Dec Y3 curriculum presentation 3pm
Wed 11th Dec Y5 curriculum presentation 2pm
Wed 11th Dec Y3 (9.30am) & Y4 (11am) Christmas
concerts at Church of Our Saviour
Mon 16th Dec Y4 curriculum presentation 2.30pm
Weds 18th Dec Christmas Dinner + Jumper Day
Carol Singing at the Barn 3:15pm
Thurs 19th Dec Last day of term

2020

Mon 6th Jan Non-Pupil Day
Tues 7th Jan Pupils return to school
Tues 14th Jan Parent consultations 3.40-6.10pm
Thurs 16th Jan Parent consultations 5-8pm

Non-Pupil Days 2019-2020

3rd Sept 2019 4th Nov 2019 6th Jan 2020
24th Feb 2020 22nd May 2020



It was good to see the bike racks looking particularly full this week, as some pupils from Year 4 participated in Bikeability courses in the morning or afternoon.

Christmas preparations



With only two weeks of school left before the end of term, our Christmas preparations are gathering pace! Decorations have been put up around the school, including our multi-lingual banners in the hall which display images of Christmas celebrations around the world.



Our Christmas tree this year has been kindly donated by Springfield Parish Council. It was cut down and resized last week and we are grateful to the council for their generosity and for the time and effort spent by their handymen.

We also want to say a big thank you to one of our parents, Mr Shelford, who arranged for the tree to be transported to the school. This saved the school a great deal of money and effort in organisation. We had some other offers subsequently as well, and we appreciate everyone who got in contact about this.

A final word of gratitude goes to Mr Bardram, our caretaker, and all the teaching staff who gave their time after school on Monday to put up the tree and decorations, making the school bright and festive.

Book review

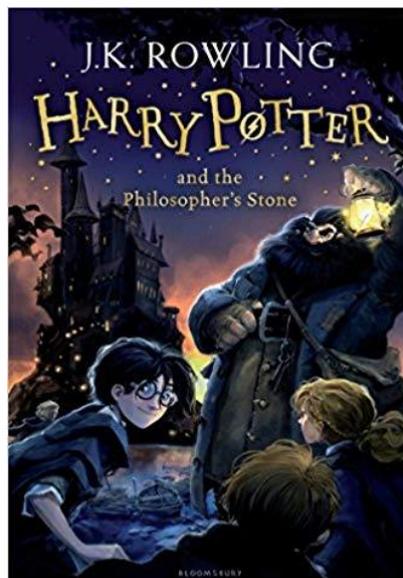
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
By J.K. Rowling

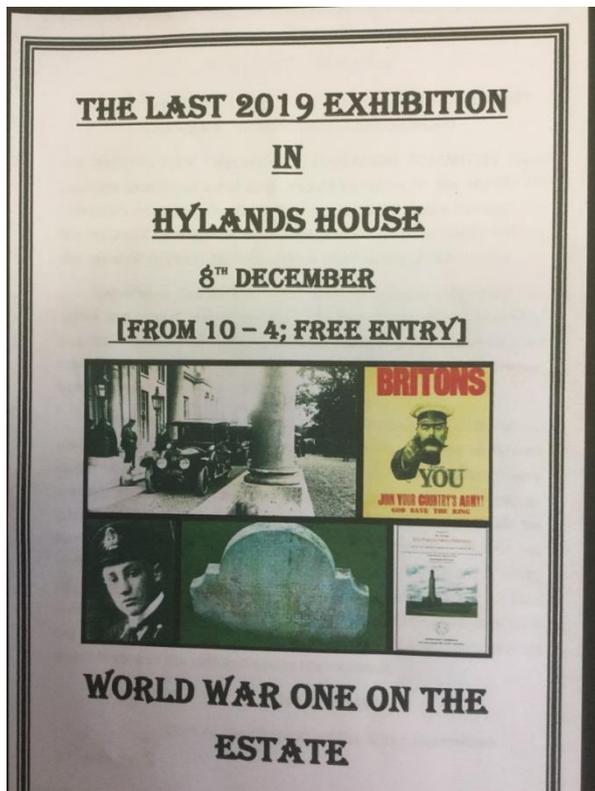
Book Review by Isabella in 6C

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is the beginning of a thrilling adventure within the wizarding world. This book is about a journey that the famous Harry Potter and his two best friends (Ronald Weasley and Hermione Granger) go on to try and retrieve the stone because they learn that it can turn lead and metal into gold and can make a person immortal. As the three children have very curious personalities, they decide to go on a quest to find the stone. However, along the way, they face many challenging obstacles such as: beating somebody else to the stone and facing a gigantic three-headed dog!

I would definitely recommend this book to any children around the age of 7+ because it is an exciting, fun and adventurous book that will hook the reader into a truly magical journey.

I would rate it





Year 6 visitor

Linda Knocks, from the Friends of Hylands House, came into school last week to speak to Year 6 about the role Hylands House played during World War 1 and the different soldiers who were based in Chelmsford from various countries. She was very informative and generated lots of interest from the children.

An exhibition about World War 1 is taking place this Sunday at Hylands House if anyone is interested in finding out more - see the adjacent picture for details.

Year 5 interviews

Year 5 have been busy practising their interview techniques in preparation for applying for a job as an Ancient Egyptian embalmer. Children will be writing letters of applications to the High Priest later in the week.



Interview questions:

- Tell me about yourself.
- What are your strengths?
- What are your weaknesses?
- Why do you want this job?
- Where would you like to be in your career five years from now?
- What attracted you to this role?
- Why should we hire you?

Year 3 gingerbread Stonehenge baking

This week in Design & Technology, 3S and 3J have planned and made gingerbread cookies to construct a representation of the prehistoric Stonehenge. Children spent the morning weighing, stirring, cutting and moulding their shapes before being baked.

3C will be having their baking session next Thursday morning.

Look out for the photos in next week's newsletter of our completed models!



Weekly Cups Won so far this term



Griffin	1
Phoenix	6
Pegasus	3
Dragon	1



The Sun Newspaper - Books for Schools

The Sun newspaper has teamed up with Harper Collins to provide free books to primary schools worth £600 and both Barnes Farm schools have signed up. To enable each school to receive their free pack of books all we need to do is for each school to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 18th January 2020. If you or your family and friends read The Sun please collect the tokens and send them into school. These can be collected in class.

School games update

Sam Cook returns to Barnes Farm

We were delighted to welcome back to school Sam Cook, an ex-pupil and current Essex Eagles bowler. Along with Sam, were two coaches and players from the Essex women's team. During the assembly, Sam presented the school with a signed shirt and cricket bat that we will proudly display. He spoke to the children about how his career had begun and the highs and lows so far, particularly the recent Vitality Blast T20 and County Championship double. Sam spoke about how he had to fight to regain his place in the squad after losing his place in the team. The children were really inspired by Sam's visit, especially the way that he encouraged them to be the best that they can be. Following the assembly, Sam requested a tour of his old classrooms and even sat in his old Year 6 space. 5V were lucky enough to take part in a coaching session alongside Sam and the Essex Cricket Club coaches. They had a fantastic time and learnt so many skills and tips from the professionals. We are looking forward to extending our links with the club throughout the year.



'All in' Festival

On Monday 2nd December some pupils from Years 3 and 4 represented the school at the All In Festival organised by the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership. These were Dylan, Oliver, Ashton and George from Year 4, and Adam, Ivy, Ellen, Morayo, David and Katie from Year 3. The pupils were able to take part in a variety of sporting activities such as archery, bowling, trampolining and curling. They also took part in some collaborative parachute games. All the children were excellent ambassadors for the school and participated enthusiastically with all the activities. Thank you to Mrs Kersey, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Hammond and Mrs Sheridan who took the children along and enabled their participation.



County football final

Our Year 5 and 6 football team attended the Essex County Finals football competition. They had a wonderful afternoon of football despite being soaked through for most of the afternoon. The boys played extremely well as a team under the expert coaching provided by Mr White. They drew three of their games and lost one - which unfortunately meant that they were unable to proceed to the semi-final. However, all the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and the team received great support from parents and grandparents as always. Thank you to all of you for braving the weather to support the school. Well done on your achievements so far this season and the superb sportsmanship that you have all shown. We look forward to seeing how the rest of the season unfolds.