

# NEWSLETTER

Next week's Home Learning from the Oak National Academy: Week 8 (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June) No 35: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020



*Year 6 have been studying the art techniques of Monet and this was painted by Harry M.*

## Update for all parents

We wanted to share with you an update about our current and future provision at school:

### Year 6

We have been very pleased to have welcomed back an increasing number of Year 6 pupils since 4<sup>th</sup> June and from next Monday, 92% of that year group will have returned for their final weeks at Barnes Farm.

### Supporting key workers

The demand for childcare for children of key workers and other identified pupils has continued to grow. From next Monday, we are opening a further two bubbles so that 5 groups of children can be looked after at school.

## Virtual school

Due to the need for more of our teaching staff to be involved on a full-time basis in the key worker childcare, some changes need to take place regarding which staff member a child not at school contacts each week, from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:

Class	Teacher contact
3J	Mrs Jordan (no change)
3S and 3C	Mrs Grantham
4CK and 4H	Mrs Grantham
4W	Mr Williams (no change)
Year 5 classes	Mrs Kuma and Mrs Hollick (no change)
Any Year 6 children not at school	Their own Year 6 teacher

Please remember that children not at school must contact this member of staff at least once a week. **We regard this as a safeguarding priority** and if we repeatedly cannot make contact, we may need to refer our concerns to other agencies.

## Other year groups at school and transition meetings

Current Government instructions for school operation means we have no further capacity to bring back any more year groups. From next week, 11/12 of our classrooms will be fully utilised every day. You may be aware that, in order for the Infant School to open to both Reception and Year 1, three of our teachers have been seconded to support this work and our Barn is being used as a Year 1 learning space. Additionally, we have accepted responsibility for their Year 2 key worker childcare since 4<sup>th</sup> June.

However, we are always very mindful that the majority of children in our community, like all other schools, will have been out of school for almost 6 months by September and there can only be universal agreement that this is a deeply regrettable and increasingly worrying situation. We have therefore taken the decision to finish our Year 6 provision slightly early so their last day will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and we can then offer transition meetings for our Year 3-5 pupils (and current Year 2 pupils coming into Year 3) with their new class teachers for September 2020 in the final three days of term. This will take the form of a daytime meeting at school with pupil and parents and booking details will be shared soon.

## September 2020

In the absence of any Government guidance for how schools can operate in September, we are currently formulating our own plans for provision as I know how keen you all are to be able to see a 'way ahead' through this pandemic. This September plan will be shared in the next few weeks. I can confirm that in the interests of providing stability at this time of rapid change, we have taken the decision **not to mix classes** for September. Classes will therefore stay in their existing groups and move into the new year group as they are. We will confirm our staffing arrangements for those classes within the next fortnight.

## More 'Sports day at home' opportunities



Do you fancy taking part in another Virtual Sports Day? The Youth Sport Trust are promoting a National School Sport Week At Home event. You can click on this link to go to the website and register: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/national-school-sport-week-home>

The Chelmsford School Sport Partnership have sent us some supporting documents that we have added to our website here: [https://barnes-farm-junior.eschools.co.uk/website/june\\_2020/487060](https://barnes-farm-junior.eschools.co.uk/website/june_2020/487060)

There are lots of activities to take part in throughout the week and if you do join in, then please send photographs to Mr McIntosh via eSchools.

West Ham Claret and Blue activities are being released daily at 11am via <https://bit.ly/3dbR6ZK> so make sure you check back daily to ensure you do not miss out on any of the activities. To access the resources you will need to click on the image below the arrow which will take you to the relevant resources.

The Claret and Blue Sports Day activities will be released from 11am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June via <https://bit.ly/3dbR6ZK> or you can visit their YouTube Channel: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCST2blwiQ2HfnbbXtBuS-9g>)

Finally, the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership have sent through some more of their own newsletters (with features on Harry Kane, Katherine Grainger and Max Whitlock), which can be found here: [https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/june\\_2020/487060](https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/june_2020/487060)

*Mrs Vickers*