

# NEWSLETTER

Attendance: 94.6%

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## Happy Weekend Everyone!

It has been a busy week here at Barnes Farm with lots of excitement about our ITV visit. I am still waiting for confirmation of the broadcasting date and will share it as soon as I know, although it is looking to be next week. Alongside this newsletter you will have been sent the OPAL newsletter for this month. Please take time to read this and find out what has been going on and how you can help us further!

We also said goodbye to Mrs Eastbrook this week, who has been our Maternity cover SENDCO in Mrs Cato's absence and we thank her for the support she has provided to so many of our families. We, therefore, welcome Mrs Hull, a highly experienced SENDCO, who will continue to support the remainder of Mrs Cato's maternity leave and brings with her a wealth of knowledge.



*Is it cake?!* Abigail in 3CJ brought in this amazing Sword in the Stone - which is of the edible variety! We were all blown away by your creation! We have started to see lots of projects come to school in different forms and will always be impressed by our pupils' commitment to learning.

Year 5 have been busy rehearsing for their Easter service next week and the songs sound great!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Walker  
Deputy Headteacher

## Attendance Matters



With four days left of the term, we can all start to feel a little weary - but there is a lot to look forward to in the last week, so please make every effort to come to school. Anything you can do as a parent to support the school with attendance will go a long way and have a positive impact on your child's education.

### RED - STAY AT HOME

Sickness and Diarrhoea - 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.

### AMBER - SEEK ADVICE

Headache, Feeling Sick, Tummy Ache - Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt contact the school for advice.

### GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL

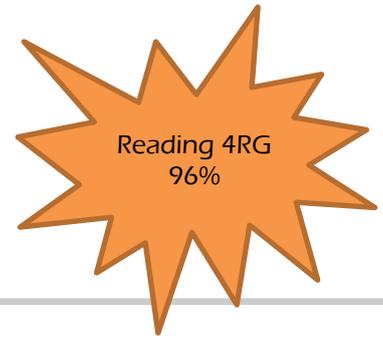
Mild Cough, Cold, Sore Throat, Feeling Tired - We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.



## Stars of the Week

22/03/2024

Y6	Alex D	Sebastian T	Adriana
Y5	Zeenat	Thaleia	Nirosha
Y4	Kamil	Rachel	Harley
Y3	Noah S	Sebastian B	Ezra



## Park and Stride Launch



This week, alongside the Infant school, we launched Park and Stride. Leaflets were taken home on Wednesday with more information about this with a digital version found at the bottom of this newsletter. Park and Stride is based at Asda where there are lots of free parking spaces (for up to 3 hours) and it counts as an active journey for the WOW badges. It also greatly reduces congestion directly outside of school which helps us to ensure it is safe for our families to bring their children to school.

Please continue to park considerately and refrain from parking opposite the Clarence Close junction on Henniker Gate and on the bend near the school. There was significant disruption after school today due to cars parking on the bends and illegally, on double yellow lines. We ask that you think carefully about where you choose to park so we can continue to keep our pupils safe and prevent frustrating local residents. There is clear signage in place on the bends and *'The Highway Code explains that double yellow lines "indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs."* This includes any amount of the double line you choose to park your car on.



Think of the safety our families before you park.

## Beat the Street Update



Chelmsford & SWF

13 Barnes Farm Junior School

330  
players

55,830 pts

Well done to everyone in our Barnes Farm Junior School team. You are all doing a fantastic job. Don't forget to keep tapping those boxes to and from school. If you park and stride from Asda - there is a Beat Box close by that you can tap. Look out for the hidden gems that can win you prizes and sometimes boxes in our area give double points! If you have any photographs or stories to share - please send to remote support. Fingers crossed for some good weather this weekend and for the remaining four weeks of the game.

We have enjoyed listening to all the different boxes that you have found.

Well done to Kyle in 5A who has managed to locate plenty of gems and is riding high on the leaderboard.

Mrs Vickers



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## Fantastic Flumpets!



These have been so popular that we have asked Farleigh Hospice to bring us some more for next week! You can continue to bring in your donation next week to raise money for Farleigh Hospice and support the fantastic work that they do.

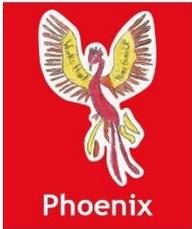


£2 suggested donation

## PE Kit Days - Spring Term 2024

PE Kit Days					
Date (Week beginning)	M	T	W	T	F
25/3/2024	6	3	4	5	

## House Points

Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
			
<b>Points</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Points</b>
525 	485 	393 	554 
			

## Year 3 Mixed Football Tournament



This week a mixed team of Year 3 children represented Barnes Farm in a 5 a-side football tournament held at Great Baddow High School. Six very good teams played in short games that meant each team had to get into the match very quickly, our team won 4 games and drew the other game without conceding a single goal! We also scored the most goals in the tournament scoring 10 goals - it goes to show that



defence is as important as attack. Not only did the team play with skill but they played with sportsmanship and enjoyment, Mrs Vickers and Mr White accompanied the children and were very impressed with how well the team represented their school.

Mr White



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## A reminder for Year 4 Hygge day

A reminder for Year 4 parents that on Monday 25th March, we will be holding our Hygge Enrichment Day (a day of cosiness). Children are welcome to dress in cosy attire such as pyjamas and slippers and bring in a blanket, a cushion and a teddy, if they should wish. Please remember that children will be playing outside at break and lunchtime so they must have appropriate footwear and a coat. We look forward to a mindful day.

Year 4 Team

## Essex Year of Numbers Easter Egg Hunt



You will find two flyers attached with this newsletter with information about the Essex Year of Numbers that you may wish to explore over the Easter break.

## “Ask for Ellen”



**MORRISONS**

From 25th March to 14th April, Morrisons will serve 2 crumpets, butter and jam free of charge in their cafes. The scheme is called “Ask for Ellen” and families have to do just that. Why Ellen? She is the founder of Warburtons.

## Support our PTA!

For every order of Stikins name labels, our PTA will receive 30% commission. Each child, from both schools, will receive 5 free samples to use from after Easter and parents then have the choice to order. The PTA receive will receive a cheque annually, the first one will be paid in Nov 2024, following any orders our parents make. **OUR FUNDRAISING NUMBER IS 1344.**

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The advertisement includes a QR code and images of name labels and a school building.

## Another chance to win a golden ticket with Barnes Bars



The PTA will be offering more delicious chocolate Barnes Bars for sale after school on Thursday 28th March. There are still lots of prizes to be won and delicious chocolate to be enjoyed, while also raising funds for the Summer Fete. Bars cost £2.50 each and will be available on a first-come, first served basis. Prizes will also be available for collection so if you got a golden ticket last time but didn't get chance to collect your prize, now's your chance!

BF PTA



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The South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) are extremely pleased to announce a new Park and Stride for Barnes Farm Infant and Junior School.

The Park and Stride will be located at Asda Supermarkets car park just down the road from the school. It has taken some time for us to complete due to some staff changes at Asda. But we can confirm that parents can now park here but they do still have to abide by current car park regulations set out by ParkingEye.

This new scheme will give parents a safe space to park near the school and walk or scoot their children from there to the school. It will help keep the roads and neighbouring properties less congested and make the area a much safer place for parents and children to enter and leave the school.

We must stress that as stated above any parents using the Park and Stride must apply by the car park regulations. If parents are penalised for irresponsible parking or not abiding by the regulations set out SEPP are not liable.

We hope that lots of parents will get on board with this new initiative and help us make the area around the school a much safer space.



Remember! Always use the 3 parking rules ('care, caution and consideration') when parking.  
[www.schoolparking.org.uk](http://www.schoolparking.org.uk)



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