



## **GOV'NEWS – SUMMER 2019**

It's hard to believe that once again we find ourselves at the end of another school year. Maybe our motto of "Aim high, Fly Higher" should include "Time Flies"!

**Governing Body Membership** – We have had another stable year within the governing body, with the only change being our welcoming of a new CLP Trustee Governor Gillian Box. Gillian replaces Lyndsay Whitehouse, a fellow CLP trustee who has served on our governing body for many years prior to us joining CLP and covering the crucial role of Safeguarding Governor for the school. Many thanks to Lyndsay for all his hard work for Barnes Farm Junior School and best of luck for his ongoing role.

**Chelmsford Learning Partnership** – We have completed our first full school year as a member of the CLP and are starting to see the benefits for our school, and children in being part of a larger partnership and with greater access to resources/expertise along with the efficiencies this brings. This has included the joint before/after school provision – *Early Birds and Night Owls* for the Barnes Farm Schools commencing in September. We can look forward to further developments over the coming years.



**Success** – we have enjoyed success in so many areas of the school, from our sporting prowess, in becoming Chelmsford District Athletic Champions and our Girls Football team winning the Chelmsford District Trophy, to individual successes for our children and staff. This culminated in our first full school awards evening this year as we took over the Boswells School hall for the evening – another benefit of the CLP! – This was a successful and highly pleasurable evening which has set the benchmark for years to come.

**SATS Results** – Once again a pleasing set of results, as we are consistently above the national averages across all subject areas. Congratulations to the year 6 children, and the staff for all the hard work put in to achieve these results.

**Learning environment** – work continues to improve the environment and safety of the school with considerable investment being made over the summer to update the fire protection arrangements across both Barnes Farm Schools.

**Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight** – another year, another new hotel. Once again I had the privilege to support the school/staff along with two parents for the year 6 trip. It never ceases to amaze me, the hard work and long hours the staff (with a little help from us extras) put in to making this week a success, and equally watching the children enjoy every minute as they grow in confidence and overcome any potential worries/fears and throw themselves into all the activities with gusto. Thanks and well done to all involved.

**Finally** – Apologies for repeating myself from previous years, but it’s hard to think of any other way of saying this:-

Thank you for supporting our school and your children in another year of learning.

The best of luck to all our year 6’s as you move on to your senior school. We wish you every success in the future and hope you will always have fond memories of your time at Barnes Farm Juniors.

I’m sure you will join me in thanking our staff, the Head, Deputy, Asst Heads, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Lunch Time Staff, Office Staff and Caretaker for their tireless hard work so that our children can “**aim high, and fly higher**”.

And finally, on behalf of the governors and myself, wish you a pleasant, restful and sunny summer break – and for those coming back - look forward to seeing you in September!



**Steve Andrews**  
**Chair of Governors**

