

We have a number of whole-school projects running this term alongside the usual classroom learning that are important.



Our World War One Poppy Project

As launched on the Dave Monk BBC radio show, each class will be finding out about the key contribution made by someone linked to our school or the Essex area and planting poppy seeds on our school site. Information about this is on the school website and individual class planting will be on either **Monday 30th June or Tuesday 1st July**. Parents or grandparents are more than welcome to attend this and we will let you know specific times nearer this date. We are also organising a representative of each class to visit the Essex Regiment Museum to find out more and report back to the class.



Commonwealth Picnic Lunch

Both Infant and Junior schools have planned a joint event to mark the Commonwealth games on **Friday 18th July** at 1pm. Each class is representing a Commonwealth nation with a joint song and lots of flag waving after a community picnic on our field. We all hope you can join us!



BFJS's Got Talent

Back by popular demand, classes will be auditioning to put forward a representative act for our final show on **Monday 21st July** at 1:45pm. Parents of the winning acts will be invited to attend.

Finally—please remember that due to Polling Day next Thursday 22nd May, all pupils will need a packed lunch. Those in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a slip home soon to enable orders to be placed.



Messages from the School Office

We are delighted to announce that our office is now staffed from **8am to 5pm**. We hope this enables us to deal more effectively with any enquiries you may have. There are a small number of surplus used dictionaries and thesauruses available **for free** from the Office. If you wish to take one for use at home then please call in, we will initially limit this to one per family. Finally, ParentPay FAQ is on our website.

Leadership and Governance Update

Our recent 1 day Teaching and Learning review by the Local Authority agreed with the school's view of 'good' provision and identified some important future areas to address in order to move to 'outstanding'.
Want to find out more about our Governors? *Please check out the Governors area of the school website under the School Info tab.*
Governors also visited the school this week to monitor the invigilating of the KS2 SATs.



Parent Voice

In order to further enhance parent/school communication, 'Parent Voice' will meet on a monthly basis, with the first meeting taking place in **The Barn** on **Tuesday 20th May** at 8.55am (coffee/tea served from 8.45am). Any parent/carer is welcome to attend. Future meetings will alternate with an afternoon slot of 2.30pm to help enable as wide a range of parents/carers to join what we trust will be useful and productive discussions. *Mr McIntosh—Deputy Headteacher*



Friends of Barnes Farm Schools

The Friends of Barnes Farm Schools now has a facebook page. It can be found via the school website or directly at www.facebook.com/FOBFSPTA
Current news is as follows



- ⇒ Discounted Southend Adventure island tickets available
- ⇒ Less than two weeks to go for the 'Design a Logo' competition
- ⇒ Start hoarding your old clothes as 'Bag2School' is coming on 3rd October 2014

Attention Year 5 Parents

If you are interested in a Year 7 place at a grammar school for September 2015, please refer to important information about 11+ test registration deadlines via www.essex.gov.uk/grammarschools

Job Opportunities at BFJS

We are currently recruiting for some additional Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) as well as Midday Assistants (MDAs). Some of these posts are to start this term and others are for September. Please check www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Support for all the information.

Pupil Update Well done to ex-pupil Holly Kilcast in Y7 who has captained the interhouse Great Baddow High School Netball competition. Also, a huge well done to Megan Lilley in Y6 who completed her April bike challenge and raised nearly £300 for charity.

Other Key dates

Tues 20th May	Parent Voice 8:55am
Thurs 22nd May	Polling Day—School Open
	Packed Lunch day for all
Fri 23rd May	Non-Pupil Day 5
Mon 2nd June	Return from half term
Fri 20th June	Sports Day
Thurs 10th July	Display Evening 6pm-8pm
Fri 11th July	Go Bonkers 3:30-6:00
Fri 18th July	Joint Barnes Farm Commonwealth lunch/parade 1pm
Mon 21st July	BFJS's Got Talent Final pm
Tues 22nd July	End of Term 3:15pm
Thurs 4th Sept	Pupils return