

# NEWSLETTER

96.0% Attendance ↓


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## End of term Newsletter - Part 2!

There has been a flurry of additional news to share with you since issuing Thursday's Newsletter so here are some further updates from across the school:



### Music videos



Mrs Summers (Subject Leader for Music) has been working on several projects with different groups of children across the school to present various musical items. Music in schools is still allowed but under particular restrictions, especially singing. Although a full choir has not been able to operate this year, a small group of Year 6 children have rehearsed and produced videos of several songs. These have been shared with Farleigh Hospice and within school. Another project invited any pupil to send in a video of themselves singing along to the music of 'Jingle Bell Rock' and any instrumentalists had the opportunity to contribute an item towards a virtual Christmas Concert. All of these are available to view on our website in the December News section:

[Christmas music videos](#)

Thank you to everyone who took part - they have really helped us to get into the Christmas spirit! Thanks also to Mrs Summers for the time and effort spent in preparing, editing and producing all the various projects.

### Stars of the Week

The Stars of the Week printed in yesterday's Newsletter were actually a repeat from last week - these are the names of the children for 11<sup>th</sup> December:

#### Stars of the Week

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



Y6	Fern Berris	Freddie Johnson	Guy Janes
Y5	Henry Skingle	Holly Elliott	Ashton Jackson
Y4	Lila Wain	Jack Kendrick	Harry Sykes
Y3	Martha Marsh	Joshua McElroy	Daniel Nantawan

## School Games Update

### Skip for a Minute Results

Well done to all of the staff and children for the effort and enthusiasm they have been shown for skipping. I know that you have all enjoyed taking part in this personal challenge. It has been fantastic to hear how much progress you have all made. So many of you have been bringing in your own skipping ropes. The results have been submitted to the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership so that our results can be entered into the virtual competition.



We have taken delivery of even more new skipping ropes so we will keep up with our skipping in 2021. Thank you to all of the staff, children and parents for their support in this competition.

Our over all winners for each year group are:-

Year 3 - Maria C  
Year 4 - Hannah D  
Year 5 - Riley P  
Year 6 - Neda

Cross-country results to follow at the start of 2021.

*Mrs Vickers*

### Secrets of Success Raffle Winners

The children's work, effort, attitudes and behaviours have been rewarded throughout the term with stickers to complete their Bronze/Silver/Gold Secrets of Success levels. These have also generated a raffle ticket each time that goes into our termly draw to win book tokens. This term's winners were announced today in assembly - congratulations to all five pupils:

William H - 6S  
Samuel M - 5SG  
Logan W - 5V  
Guy J - 6C  
Harry C - 4H



### Department for Education announcements

You may have seen that the Department for Education (DFE) made an announcement yesterday about a delayed start to the new term in January. Please note that this does not apply to primary schools and, as such, our pupils will start the new term as normal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. All the arrangements and safety measures that have been in place this term (staggered starts, bubbles etc) will continue into the new term.

You may also have seen that the DFE have announced a roll out of mass Covid 19 testing in schools from January. The initial information we have about this is that this only applies to secondary schools and colleges so this will not impact anyone at Barnes Farm Junior School.

## Farewell!

I'm pleased I've been allowed to share a brief farewell message with you before leaving Barnes Farm this term.

Since coming to the school in April 2014, I have felt immensely proud to be part of the Barnes Farm community and to have contributed in some small way to its success. I have taught in every class and got to know most of the children in that time and I will look back very fondly on that privilege. The staff team at the Junior School are fantastic and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such a dedicated, skilled and fun group of people.



There have been challenging experiences but they have never been greater than all the many things that are good about the school. I feel incredibly blessed to have worked with a fantastic staff team - skilled people who work hard and innovatively, who show passion for their vocation, who care about each other and their pupils - it's what keeps the school successful and pushing on to new heights. I'm also grateful to have worked amongst lovely children and their families and will look back fondly on the varied opportunities I have had getting to know almost all the children who have passed through in the last 6 and a half years as I taught around the school.

As I leave, I do so knowing that my experiences here have helped me develop for the better as a teacher, as a school leader and generally as a person. You can never properly prepare for what comes next in life, but I feel I couldn't be better equipped for the role that lies ahead and for that I am sincerely grateful.

I will think of you all often and look forward to visiting sometime in the near future

Richard McIntosh  
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