

# **Barnes Farm Junior School**



# NEWSLETTER

Attendance: 94.6%

No 21: 1st March 2024

#### **Changes!**

I led an assembly today with all the children on the theme of 'Changes'. Alongside the official start of Spring and Y6 pupils finding out their secondary destination school, I talked to them about the details of the new Barnes Farm Primary school (as listed in the email to parents and carers on Tuesday). I described the new school as like the coming together of two families with much to look forward to around the opportunities of this. Whilst we know that 'change is the only constant in life', it can still feel unsettling for all of us and we shared this together.

I would like to thank the many parents who have passed on their congratulations to me about my new job role of Director for Primary Education within the CLP - it means I take step away from Barnes Farm but not leave it completely - a place I have been privileged to work at for over 12 years. I would also like to congratulate Mrs Farmer on the appointment of Headteacher at the new school and look forward to working with her to achieve the best for all the pupils here (and in the future).

Ross McTaggart - Headteacher

#### Beat the Street - BFJS makes Anglia News!



Children have received Beat the Street cards and maps. This 'Intelligent Health' initiative has really taken off in Chelmsford and people are being encouraged to get out and about to explore the local area. There are a number of locally organised events too - see website for details. The initiative runs for 6 weeks until 10<sup>th</sup> April. There are individual rewards as well as for schools. If you haven't already, please sign up using the

website www.beatthestreet.me/chelmsford and add your names to the Barnes Farm Junior School group. Alternatively, adults can download the App and join from there. Well done to those of you that are already in the game - we have almost 100 players in our team.

ITV Anglia News have visited the school this afternoon to film some of the children taking part in the game. You can tune in to ITV Anglia News at 6pm today or watch via <a href="ITVX">ITVX</a> (available for 24 hours only).

Stars of the Week 01/03/2024

Y4 Harry C

Emma J

Teddy J

Katerina

Jackson Libby





Y3

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#### PE Kit Days - Spring Term 2024

PE Kit Days					
Date (Week beginning)	M	Т	W	Т	F
26/2/2024		3	4	5	6
4/3/2024	6	3	4	5	3
11/3/2024	6	3	4	5	4
28/3/2024	6	3	4	5	5
25/3/2024	6	3	4	5	





### Theme - 'Heroes + Villains'

Dress up as part of our World Book Day celebrations and take part in live lessons, paired reading, Guess the Bookshelf and much, much more next week!

We will be marking British Science week in school from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March. David Hall will be starting the week to introduce the theme of





'Time'. Classes will be investigating time through science investigation. We are asking parents to collect empty plastic bottles with lids that are 1l in size, preferably shaped like the example below. We will also be collecting jam jars. If you have any at home, please bring the plastic bottles to school and parents bring glass jam iars to the office.



## **Sporting Updates**

At Cathedral school, it was a tough football match. We were behind in the first half 2-1 but later showed our dominance with an overall victory of 6-4 with goals from Louis, Noah, Ollie (who scored 2), Harry and Oskar. Thank you to Mr White for coaching the team

#### Report by Noah Y6

All In Festival - a number of our children competed in the Chelmsford All In festival on Wednesday with sports like Boccia and dribbling skills being improved. Well done to all who attended!





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## **House Points**

Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
Winners!		5	200
Giffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
Points	Points	Points	Points
473	425	367	356
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