

Barnes Farm Chinese Week



Next week sees the whole school undertake lots of exciting activities as part of our Chinese Week to improve our global awareness. It is also the last week for our 15 pupils from Beijing. We are very grateful to the Essex-Jiangsu centre for their support in enabling this week to happen. As notified previously, we are asking for a £2 donation via ParentPay to cover the cost of these additional activities, thank you to those who have already contributed.

- Year 3 will be investigating Chinese Porcelain and Willow patterns as well as some calligraphy
- Year 4 will be story writing as well as taking part in a Chinese Song and Folk Dance
- Year 5 are going to experience Chinese cookery and make dumplings
- Year 6 will participate in Tai Chi sessions led by Mrs Zhao

We would like all the children to wear as much **red** as possible on Friday 13th February which is the day that most of these activities are happening and we are receiving a visit from the Essex Chronicle too.

We received a visit from two headteachers of schools in Beijing who are keen to learn about UK education. Mr Wen Zhiguo and Mr Wang Xiaobin commissioned a special painting to be made of an Autumn scene which was gratefully received. Thank you again to Mr McIntosh and Mrs Tingberg for organising this as well as to the 7 Barnes Farm families who are hosting pupils this Saturday morning. Look out for the Essex Chronicle report!



Mr McIntosh



Friends of Barnes Farm Schools Owlet People Bank

Would you like to be informed of PTA events without a huge commitment? Can you help out occasionally but not full-time?

As mentioned in the latest 'Owl Post', the FOBFS are setting up an 'Owlet Bank'. This initiative is to allow people to sign up to the 'Owlet' distribution list so that the PTA can reach out to them for help and assistance in the lead up to events.

There is no dedicated commitment, just the potential to volunteer and offer help with our ventures as and when they are able.

If interested, people should contact us on our email address: chairfobfs@yahoo.com or visit the Facebook site listed below:

<https://www.facebook.com/FOBFSPTA>



Marie Curie Daffodils will be available from next week.

Any donations will be warmly welcomed.

www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil

Other Key dates

Fri 13th Feb	Non-uniform day—wear red for Chinese New Year
Mon 23rd Feb	Non-Pupil Day 3
Fri 6th Mar	Class 7 Assembly 9:15am
Thurs 12th Mar	Class 9 Assembly 9:15am
Fri 13th Mar	Red Nose Day 2015
Fri 27th Mar	End of Spring Term
Thurs 7th May	Closed due to Polling Day
Fri 22nd May	Non-Pupil Day 4
Tues 21st July	End of Term
Weds 22nd July	Non-Pupil Day 5

新年快乐

Chinese New Year Meal from Ashlyns 新年快乐
Friday 13th February

- * Chicken Chow Mein or Quorn in Black Bean Sauce
- * Plain Boiled rice
- * Vegetables
- * Fruit Salad

Please book in the normal way.