

Barnes Farm Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you details of an exciting event happening on Friday 4th July 2014.

As I have informed you earlier in the year, we are a founding member of eight local schools joining together to try to improve the outcomes for all their pupils. We are in the process of launching a partnership called STEP - Springfield Trust Excellence Partnership to achieve this. The following schools are founding STEP members:



Barnes Farm Junior School
Perryfields Infant School
Springfield Primary School
The Tyrrells Academy

Barnes Farm Infant School
Perryfields Junior School
Chancellor Park Primary School
The Boswells Academy



The headteachers have been working together more closely in the past year but this has extended to teachers and pupils too. Most recently, all the school councils met up at Boswells to plan a way of celebrating our coming together. The children decided that this is what they wanted to do! So we have come together to put it into action.

On Friday 4th July, The Chelmer Village based schools will be physically visiting each other's schools to demonstrate our willingness to share and cooperate with one another. Each class will be visiting a set location in the other schools and recording something that they liked or noticed about the other school. We will finish with a grand photo on our school field. The same will be happening in Springfield.

If parents would like to support this event, you are most welcome to 'line the route' on Friday morning between Barnes Farm Schools and Chancellor Park. The following times apply:

9:30 Begin walk	9:50 Arrive at first school
10:00 Begin next walk	10:20 Arrive at next school
10:30 Begin next walk	10:50 Arrive at starting school again

The permission for this event is covered within the 'local walk' guidelines agreed at the beginning of the year, but if you wish your child not to participate then please discuss this with your classteacher and put it in writing.

The children wanted to collect donations to split evenly between three local charities - Farleigh Hospice, Essex Air Ambulance and Chelmsford Food Bank. Can we suggest a £1 donation on the day to support this aim please? More information and the route will be on our website over the coming days so please check there or contact the school office if anything is unclear.

Regards,

Mr McTaggart
Headteacher