

NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance
97.3%

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Stars of the Week Hall of Fame



Thursday 24th March 2016

6P Gracie Coen
6C Ellie Stark
6S Madeleine Parry
5CH Amy Wrathall
5S Braden Parker
5C William Rooney
4P William Sharp
4T Daniella Reynolds
4CK Kieron Tyson
3RS James Booker
3S Ruben Seels
3V Abigail Stevens
Mid-day Olivia Kude Vitiello



Headteacher's Holiday Homework



As previously announced, the school will be hosting a radio station from early on in the Summer term. But it's no good having a radio station without any one to run it! We are on the look out for Radio presenters or DJ's for our new station. Over the Easter break, will you apply for the role of radio presenter? Tell us about what you would talk about, who you might interview, what questions would you ask and what music might you play? A suggested format is on the website in the News section. Applications need to be in by Friday 15th April. Training will be provided for those who are keen and successful.

Governor Newsletter

We are pleased to distribute the second newsletter from the Governing body today. This details their monitoring of the school's effectiveness and current progress towards action points in the Single Plan.



Residential visits meetings

Brief, FAQ-style meetings are planned for the first week of the summer term for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 regarding the Mersea Island and Isle of Wight trips respectively. There is no plan to share new information but rather to offer parents an opportunity to ask anything they may still be unsure of or of which they may need reminding. Notes from the meeting will be posted to the website.

The meetings take place in the Barn as follows:

- Thursday 14th April at 3.30pm: Year 5 Mersea Island meeting
- Friday 15th April at 3.30pm: Year 6 Isle of Wight meeting

House Points Update

Griffin and Phoenix shared the Spring Term Cup!
Here are the totals:

Weeks won

Griffin	4	Week 10 Champs
Phoenix	4	
Pegasus	2	
Dragon	1	Week 11 Champs



Communication

We are in the process of creating an email distribution group to roll out in the Summer term. Parents will be able to opt-in to receive newsletters etc by this method. In the course of setting this up, a genuine e-mail link was sent out detailing information about our new Literacy resource 'Pobble'. Please still follow the link on the email and a paper letter went out earlier to explain 'Pobble' further.

New menus

New school dinner menus for the Summer term have been issued today and are also on the website.



New staff appointed

We look forward to welcoming two new members of staff after the Easter break. Mrs Carol Burton and Mrs Caron Harris will be joining us as Learning Support Assistants, working in Year 3 and predominantly in Class 3S.



Bag2School

Our supportive PTA—Friends of Barnes Farm Schools have organised another opportunity to recycle unwanted clothes/textiles and raise money

for our school at the same time. The collection date is **Friday 15th April** so please circle this in your diaries. There is more information on the back of this newsletter about what is and isn't accepted by the company.



Sponsored Skipping Challenge Appeal



Our total amount raised so far stands at £1728! Thank you to all those who have supported the project so far. All these funds go directly towards our new multi-use games area. If monies are still outstanding, you can pay them in via ParentPay or by cash direct to the school office.

Other Key dates

Fri 25th Mar break	Good Friday—school closed for Spring
4th-6th April (am)	Y6 Easter Booster School
Mon 11th Apr	Summer Term begins
Thurs 14th Apr	Y5 Mersea meeting 3.30pm
Fri 15th Apr Y	6 Isle of Wight meeting 3.30pm
Fri 15th Apr	Bag2School collection
Fri 22nd Apr	Pegasus Pick n Mix Sale for MUGA project
Mon 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 5th May	Polling Day. Y6 in school. Parent Consultations Y3-Y5 p.m.
Fri 6th May	Dragon House Ice Cream Sale