

# NEWSLETTER

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## Full Return to School

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, I have spent this week working with the various staffing teams at school to prepare for the full return of all pupils and staff onsite from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. I will write to you all in more detail early next week but here are the important headlines:

- All pupils expected to return onsite on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Children will still be grouped in bubbles
- Start/Finish and Breaks are all staggered to allow for bubbles to remain separate (as in November/December)
- Mindful Monday rescheduled from 1<sup>st</sup> March (next Monday) to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (onsite)
- World Book Day (4<sup>th</sup> March) to be celebrated in school on 11<sup>th</sup> March – see below
- All other national social distancing guidelines remain in place outside of school

Next week, the staff will need time to meet and prepare to re-join as classes. To enable this to happen, one day next week will consist of selected Oak Academy lessons ONLY. All the other 4 days will be the usual live teaching model.

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Normal live teaching day for all
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y4 Oak Academy lessons
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5 Oak Academy lessons
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Oak Academy lessons
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Oak Academy lessons

If you have any questions about these arrangements ahead of next week's letter then please use [remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk) to contact us.

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

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Y6	Mitchell Scanlan	Ellis Browne	Olivia Kemp	Max Illinessi
Y5	Ronnie Burgess	Samuel Mason	Ethan Howlett	
	Zak Mohammed			
Y4	Abigail Kilpatrick	Ellen Brown	Alessio Iliuta	
	Harry Reed	Jack Kendrick		
Y3	Joey Hickmott	Maryam Panjwami	Grace Holmes	
	Josh Wood	Oliver Bolton	Layla Dixon	

## World Book Day

With the Prime Minister's announcement that schools will reopen from 8<sup>th</sup> March, we have decided we will hold our World Book Day event on **Thursday 11th March** at school. Children are welcome to come to school in their book character costumes that day, and there will be a costume competition for each year group with prizes to be won!

Here's how you can get involved in our World Book Day celebrations!

1. Act out a scene from your favourite book. Send a photo or video to [remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk), and you might be featured on Twitter, the newsletter, or our school website! By sending us the image, parents give permission for us to share your photo or video. Enter by Wednesday 10th March 3:00pm.
2. Create a book character using an empty toilet roll! Here are some examples:  
Send a photo of your creation to [remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk) or bring this into school. Each entry will receive 5 housepoints, and there are even more housepoints for the top 3 winners in the school! Enter by Wednesday 10th March 3:00pm.
3. Take our Book Shelfie quiz. Each teacher has taken a photo of their own book shelf at home. Can you guess which shelfie belongs to each teacher? (The link to the quiz will be sent out next week).
4. Ask a question to Dr Lucy Maddox, clinical psychologist and author of *What is Mental Health?* Your teacher will have shared more information about this, and a link where you can submit a question.



Please follow the links for some exciting online events happening during the week of 1<sup>st</sup> March.

[Scholastic Live Events](#)

[World Book Day Live Events](#)

We can't wait to see how all you bookworms celebrate with us!

Happy Reading!

*Mrs Crumlish*

*Reading Lead Teacher*

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# The Big Bird Box and Feeder Competition

We are looking to increase the wildlife at Barnes Farm for us all to enjoy. There are never enough holes and hideaways where wildlife can shelter, however we can help them by making a nest box and putting out food.

If you'd like to help the birds around our school, why not have a go at making your own nest box or bird feeder? We would love to choose our best examples to share with RSPB! Here are some links to help get you started;

[RSPB Build a birdbox step by step guide](#)

[RSPB Make a small nest box](#)

[RSPB Make a recycled bird feeder](#)

[RSPB Produce a pine cone feeder](#)

**\*Please ASK AN ADULT TO HELP. You may need to use tools that could hurt you\***

We would love for these to be hung up in and around our school site after Easter, so please remember to include a hook or bracket. You have plenty of time to design and get creative!

Have fun,  
Mrs Jordan

## Finally !

Get involved in the #ThankATeacher campaign  
Show a special member of staff how much their work is valued by encouraging your pupils, staff and parents to send a free [Thank a Teacher card](#).