



Barnes Farm Junior School



NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:
97.4%

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Learning Updates around our School

Live music coming to Barnes Farm

On Monday 15th May the whole school will be invited into a live performance from a woodwind quintet. The group will then each lead smaller group sessions in the Barn throughout the rest of the day. There is no charge for this event and we greatly look forward to developing the children's musical knowledge as a result of the day.

Y6 SATs week

Our Y6 pupils have all been sitting the standardised assessment tests (SATs) this week along with all the other Y6 children up and down the country. They've all worked very hard to prepare for these tests and we are extremely proud of their efforts. The year group are undertaking a 'Challenge Day' tomorrow and their work on getting ready for secondary school still continues on. The school received a successful no-notice inspection visit too from the Local Authority as part of its overseeing of the testing process.

Y3 Thinking Scientifically

As part of our Single Plan on improving the way children think scientifically, Y3 have been investigating what happens to celery when placed into different food dyes.

Finger Spinners + Fitbits

A growing number of children have been bringing in these items into school. Both of them have their clear benefits but can lead to problems when used inappropriately. Our guidance, therefore, is as follows:

Fitbits: *There are lots of advantages to children wearing watches to help them tell the time throughout the day. However, if they are causing a major distraction during lessons teachers may request that the items be removed until the end of the day. We are also concerned at the cost of these items and the potential upset if damaged. Pupils and their parents are responsible for these personal items during school hours.*

Finger Spinners: *These items develop fine motor skills and have previously been used as a tool for children with ADHD to aid concentration. They are now being brought into school to use at breaktime for developing different tricks. Unless directed by an educational plan, they should not be being used during lessons and teachers may request that these finger spinners are removed until the end of the day if they are. Pupils and their parents are again responsible for these personal items during school hours.*

The children now have an increased number of opportunities for play at lunchtime which shouldn't need extra equipment coming in from home. These are: listening to regular radio shows and songs from the Barn, scheduled time on the play equipment and in the Arena, time to play on each main playground, other play equipment (such as badminton) led by playleaders.

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher



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Headlice

We have had some very unwelcome visitors recently in some classes. Please check your child's hair regularly and use either wet-combing or medicated products. For more advice go to www.nhs.uk



Housepoints

Griffin, Pegasus and Dragon have all won 1 weekly cup so far this term.

Parking Initiative

Mrs Welch and Mr McTaggart met with Mr Binder, the head of the Essex parking Partnership to discuss how to influence and improve the traffic conditions at the beginning and end of school. It was a very productive meeting and plans have been made to gather information this term ahead of a launch of a new initiative in the Autumn. Watch this space!

Contact Information

Have you changed your email address or mobile number recently? Please let the office know on 01245 467973 or contact@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk so that we can update our records.

Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 5th May 2017



6MS Joe Perry
 6C William Rooney
 6S Olly Payne
 5M Samuel Butcher
 5V Alyssa Efsthathiou
 5C Lily Gosling
 4P Matt Abraham
 4S Scarlett Lucia
 4CK Jake Barnes
 3S Jake Elliot
 3HM Elizabeth Hutchinson
 3B Zara Watson
 Mid-day Lexie Prout

Key Dates

Thurs 18th May 9:15am 5M Class Assembly
Thurs 25th May 9:15am 4CK Class Assembly 8pm Parent Voice
Fri 26th May Non-Pupil day 5
Thurs 8th June General Election – School Closed
Fri 16th June 9:15pm Y6 Isle of Wight Assembly
Fri 23rd June Sports Day
Thurs 29th June 9:15am 3HM Class Assembly
Thurs 6th July Display Evening
Fri 14th July Summer Fete 3:30pm onwards
Fri 21st July End of term

Non-Pupil Dates for 2017-2018

Monday 4th September 2017 *Monday 30th October 2017*
Tuesday 2nd January 2018 *Monday 19th February 2018*

