



NEWSLETTER

Attendance
96.6%

[Summer Menu Week 1 beginning 4th Sept 2019](#)

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Dear Parents,

As another academic year comes to a close, I want to wish every family a safe and enjoyable summer break. It has been another incredibly busy year at the school with so many individual tales of achievement shared through end of year reports, special assemblies, books and displays. Thank you to all of you for your ongoing and vital support for your child's education. I would like to also thank the entire staff at the school for their tireless work to ensure that your children are well looked after, happy and taught well at school. It was pleasing to note the recent SATs results, which show a consistent recent trend of our pupils attaining above the national and Essex average, but we also look forward to results released in the Autumn on the progress those Y6 pupils have made since Y2.

I would like to wish our Y6 pupils every success in the next stage of their education; they have done the school and their families proud over recent weeks in the way they have conducted themselves on trips, during productions and in and around school. We also look forward to welcoming our new Y3 cohort in the Autumn, too.

In September, each yeargroup teaching team will be sharing dates with you to invite you to a general parent information meeting in the first few weeks to find out what the new year's curriculum has in store. We have revised the aims of our curriculum (see over the page) and are excited to deliver an 'irresistible' range of provision to your children from September onwards.

So with these improvements, as well as the essential fire safety improvement upgrades over the Summer, Barnes Farm continues to be an exciting, forward-looking place to be. Thank you for being a part of it for 2018-2019!

Ross McTaggart Headteacher

Key Dates

Weds 4th Sept Beginning of Autumn Term for all pupils

Non-Pupil Days 2019-2020

- 3rd Sept 2019 4th Nov 2019 6th Jan 2020 24th Feb 2020 22nd May 2020

2020-2021

- 2nd Sept 2020 23rd Oct 2020 4th Jan 2021 22nd Feb 2021 28th May 2021



Our New Curriculum Aim 2019+

To fulfil our mission to both inspire and educate, our broad and irresistible curriculum is both skills-based and knowledge-rich; it is carefully designed so that our children should have the opportunity to study areas in greater depth.

We want our children to 'aim high and fly higher' so that they produce exceptional and authentic outcomes whilst also developing their independence, curiosity and creativity. We are committed to enabling our children to be more successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens both now and in the future.

Y6 Delight Audience in their Leavers' Assembly



Our Y6 pupils delighted both family members and the rest of the school with their 'Barnes Farm's Got Talent' show this week. With comedy, dancing, mind-reading and much, much more, they reminded us of what a great bunch of talented children they are. We wish them well in their secondary school destinations!

Home Learners Achieve!

Our carefully selected home learners showcased their achievements to family members and Y3-Y5 on Monday. The way they explained how they had succeeded in their home learning challenges was truly inspirational.



High Flying Handwriters

We also celebrated the fantastic progress that key handwriters had made throughout the school on Monday. They each received a special pen and we viewed their brilliant 'before' and 'after' pictures of the progress they had made.



School Meal Price Rise

For the first time in 7 years, the cost of a school meal at BFJS will rise from £2.10 to £2.20 from September 2019. The new price is due to rising costs such as the living wage rises and food price rises, which have been absorbed up until now. Please remember, that if you are in receipt of certain benefits, then you may be entitled to a free school meal. Please enquire at the school office to find out more.

School Uniform Ordering

New school uniform ready for September can now be ordered through www.myclothing.com which has replaced the Tesco uniform service and operates a 14 day delivery promise as well as 5% cashback directly to our school. The Office has one brand new but unwanted school jumper available in a Y5/6 size - please enquire at the office about this item directly.



New online reading platform for pupils

The school has just invested in improving access to books via a new online reading platform called 'myOn'. This is provided by a well-respected educational company called Renaissance and includes access to over 1000 digital books of a wide variety of genres, interests and ability levels. Please see the letter attached to the newsletter email for more details.

