

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.2%

[Summer Menu Week 1 beginning 16th Dec 2019](#)

No 14 Thu 12th Dec 2019

Stars of the Week

6th December 2019



Autumn Term 2019

- Y6 Freya Carter
Luv Goel
Lucy Tyler
- Y5 Rosie Chattey
William Edwards
Jack Horncastle
- Y4 Samuel Mason
Dylan Charles
Ava King
- Y3 Joshua Simon
Grace Joyce
Aston Daniels

Key Dates

- Mon 16th Dec Y4 curriculum presentation 2.30pm
- Weds 18th Dec Christmas Dinner + Jumper Day
Carol Singing at the Barn 3:20pm
- Thurs 19th Dec Last day of term

2020

- Mon 6th Jan Non-Pupil Day
- Tues 7th Jan Pupils return to school
- Tues 14th Jan Parent consultations 3.40-6.10pm
- Thurs 16th Jan Parent consultations 5-8pm

Non-Pupil Days

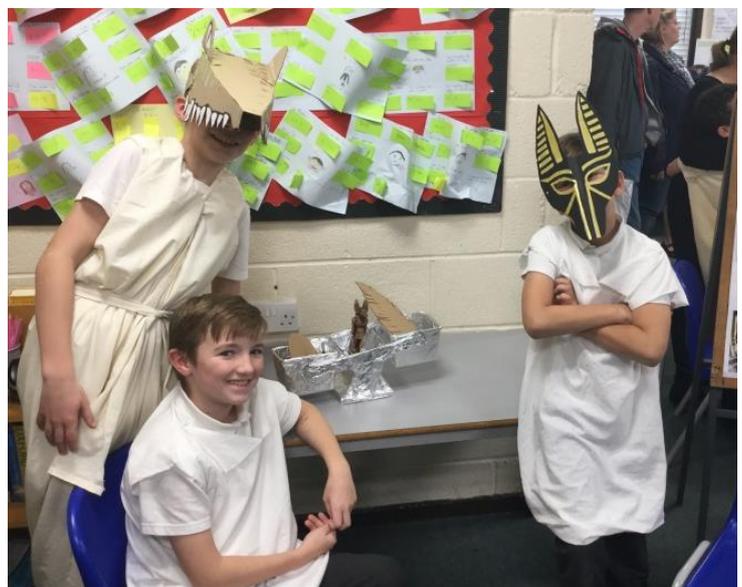
2019-2020

3rd Sept 2019 4th Nov 2019 | 6th Jan 2020

24th Feb 2020 22nd May 2020

Bank Holiday change – 4th May 2020 now 8th May 2020

Our year group Curriculum Presentations have been a great success due to the hard work and enthusiasm of the children and staff and the support of parents and family members. This is one image from the Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Book Launch. See inside for more details and photos.

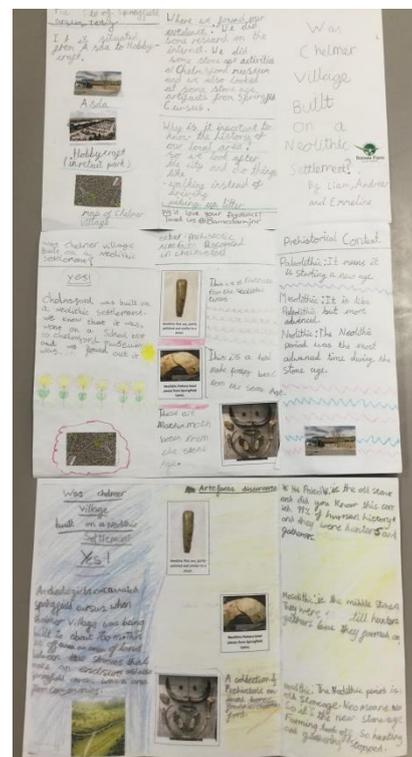
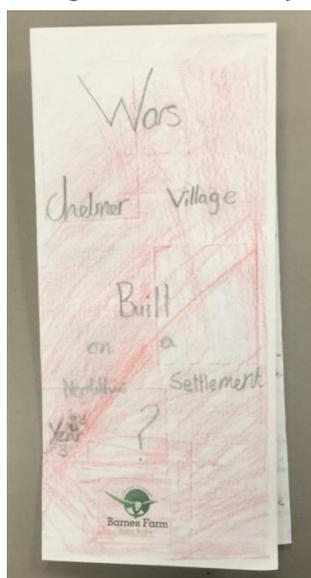


Curriculum presentations

We have been really impressed with the high quality of the outcome of the children's learning from this term in our year group curriculum presentations and thank all parents and family members who were able to attend each of the afternoons.

Year 3

Year 3 invited parents into their classrooms this week, to show off their research into whether or not Chelmer Village was built on a Neolithic Settlement. The children compiled leaflets, documenting their findings, which they intend to distribute to the residents of Chelmer Village next Tuesday. Those lucky enough to attend, left much better informed about Chelmsford's rich Stone Age history!
Mr Smart



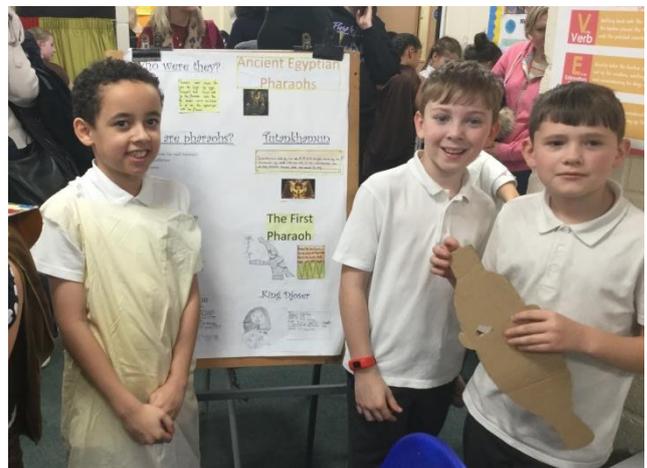
Year 6

Last Thursday, Year 6 pupils were pleased to present the short films they had made to their parents as the culmination of their topic 'Is war ever worth it?'. Children had the opportunity to find out about the lives of two people closely affected by the World Wars; they were able to act, direct and produce films with the help of staff from Chelmsford Museum. Their learning was brought to life by these stories and by the hands-on learning in which they participated.
Mrs Cole

Year 5

Year 5 launched their Egyptian books on Wednesday afternoon. They have been working hard this half term to produce a page for a non-fiction book. In the first half of the Autumn term, the children researched and learnt about various aspects of life during Ancient Egyptian times, using a variety of different sources. Their aim was to produce a book to show what life was really like. The children designed invitations to send to their parents and treated them to an afternoon of discovery when they brought their books to life. Parents were encouraged to get involved by trying their hands at Egyptian make-up and making 3D pyramids as well as numerous puzzles and quizzes as they admired the children's various pages. There were also dance demonstrations and role play to show the process of mummification. The afternoon was such a success that the children wanted to repeat the launch with the Year 3 children on Thursday morning. Many thanks to all the parents and family members that attended.

Mrs Vickers



Look what's new in the Barnes Farm Library!
Can you spot which of these books are by Scottish authors?



The Sun Newspaper - Books for Schools



The Sun newspaper has teamed up with Harper Collins to provide free books to primary schools worth £600 and both Barnes Farm schools have signed up. To enable each school to receive their free pack of books all we need to do is for each school to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 18th January 2020. If you or your family and friends read The Sun please collect the tokens and send them into school. These can be collected in class.

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Crafternoon

Last weekend, the school donated the use of the Barn for a Christmas 'Crafternoon' organised by Mrs. Crumlsh. The event raised £334 for Mind, the mental health charity, and attendees left with lovely new Christmas decorations!



The Barn can be hired out for personal use - please see the website for further details https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/the_barn/32868

Parents' Evenings

Following this term's year group parent information meetings in September, we will be holding our Spring term Parents' Evenings early in the Spring term - Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th January 2020. A separate letter will be sent about this on Friday - please look out for it in your eSchools or email inbox.

Weekly Cups Won so far this term



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| Griffin | 1 |
| Phoenix | 7 |
| Pegasus | 3 |
| Dragon | 1 |



Reading Challenge Winners

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| Week 8 | 4W & 5C - 81% |
| Week 9 | 3S - 86% |
| Week 10 | 5C - 81% |
| Week 11 | 4W - 76% |

Christmas events

We were treated to excellent Christmas concerts this week by Year 3 and Year 4, who retold the nativity story in song and acting at school and at the Church of Our Saviour. All the children participated well and demonstrated brilliant behaviour. Thank you to parents and family members who were able to support by attending on Wednesday.



Next week sees the final Christmas events of term on Wednesday 18th December:

Christmas jumper day

Children may come into school in a Christmas jumper, or if they do not have one, a jumper of their choice, in exchange for a donation. All other uniform should stay the same. Please donate to Save the Children via ParentPay.



Christmas lunch

Bookings for Christmas lunch were due by Friday 6th December on ParentPay.



Carols outside the Barn

Our annual carolling outside the Barn, led by Year 5 and Year 6, will take place from 3.20pm. We would be delighted if children and parents could stay and join staff in singing some festive favourites for 15 minutes.



12th December - Barnes Farm decides!



As well as another election taking place today, all the children got to vote this week for which teachers they would like to take part in 'Bush tucker trials' in a special 'I'm a ~~Celebrity~~ Teacher' themed assembly this morning. The three that gained the most votes were Miss Cavanagh, Mr Williams and Mr Smart. Each took part in a trial in order to win stars which equalled treats for the staffroom. We're pleased to say that none of them uttered those famous words in order to escape the trial and each ended up winning a star.



Miss Cavanagh taking part in the 'Spin the teacher' trial



Mr Williams taking part in the 'Lucky dip' trial



Mr Smart taking part in the 'Sproutshake' trial

The assembly concluded by referring explicitly to the general election - the privilege of having a vote to cast, the importance of using your vote wisely and the consequences of your decisions. The children were reminded about people in other countries who do not share our freedoms and British values and how they could clearly see democracy in action right in our own car park.



Year 3 gingerbread Stonehenge baking

We reported last week on Year 3's current Design & Technology project - baking and constructing Stonehenge out of gingerbread.

This week, the children in 3C baked their gingerbread, while 3S and 3J constructed replicas of Stonehenge in their groups using royal icing to fix together their biscuit pieces that were baked last week.



Barnes Farm's Got Talent

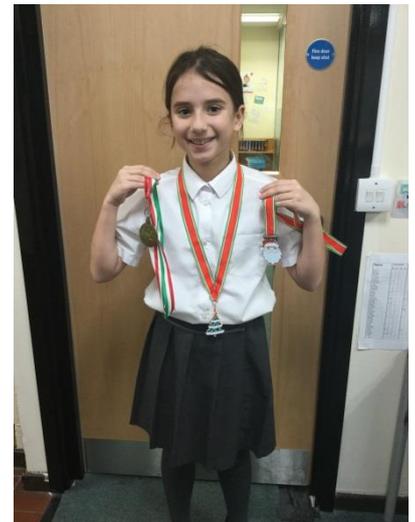
Round 2 of the talent show has taken place this week for Years 5 & 6, where the top two acts in each class went through to perform in front of family members and the whole of Years 5 & 6. We were impressed by the talent, creativity and courage of the children who performed their acts so well. We look forward to seeing Round 2 for Years 3 & 4 on Friday.



School games update

Swimming Success

Congratulations to Alexia from 5V, who competed in the B+D Aquatics Level 3 Open Meet at the weekend. Out of her 4 races, Alexia won medals in 3 of them. Alexia won a bronze medal in the 200m medley; a silver medal in the 200m freestyle; and a gold medal in the 100m medley race. Alexia regularly competes in competitions and has been a keen swimmer since the age of 5. Well done!



Parking and driving notice

We have had further complaints about instances of inconsiderate parking and rude attitudes to neighbours in the area. Please help us to set good examples to our pupils and maintain cooperative relationships with members of our community by thinking carefully when driving and parking. This is particularly the case at the start and end of the day, especially with regard to parking over dropped kerbs and driveways and blocking local residents' access to their own property.