

## Sporting Achievements at Barnes Farm Junior School



Thursday 22nd January saw our Cross Country teams take part in races at Chelmer Park. The conditions were cold with the ground very slippery underfoot. All the children represented the school with commitment and pride; thank you to both the children and the many parents who came to support.

There were some notable achievements. The Y6 Boys team finished second overall with Max Atkinson and Jack Gosling finishing 3rd and 12th respectively. In the Y5 boys race, Bryce Bannister finished 13th overall which is fantastic seeing as he was a late stand-in for an absent runner and is actually in Y4! Next race is Thursday 5th February at Melbourne Park.



## Sportshall Athletics

Our team won its local heat and then competed in the area finals this week. The team of Y5 and Y6 athletes finished an excellent 2nd and due to the unavailability of the winning school to compete in the County final, our school will go through to this prestigious event in Southend next month. Well done to all competitors; in particular Reuben White and Jack Gosling for their personal achievements.

## Swimming

Our Barracudas took part in a local competition this week and finished 4th. Superb behaviour was noted and personal achievements celebrated. Well done to all, especially Mrs Vickers for organising.

## Visitors from Beijing!



As mentioned in the last newsletter, next week sees the arrival of 15 children from Beijing, China.

They will be spending most of a fortnight with us to coincide with our China Week just before half term. They are also due to be welcomed into children's homes next Saturday afternoon too.

This visit comes at no direct cost to the school and we will benefit in numerous ways, particularly in improving our global outlook and understanding of, and interaction with, people of other cultures. We look forward to welcoming them and their adult helpers into our school community.

A huge thank you in advance to Mr McIntosh and Mrs Tingberg for their organisation but also to the many parents who have volunteered to support this exciting visit.

**We currently have spaces in our Breakfast Club. 7:30am—8:45am daily in the Barn. Details at Main office.**  
**The Barn is also available for community bookings—see the website for further details**

## ParentPay

We currently have over 80 parents recording a negative balance on their ParentPay account. Can you all please check these and ensure that money owed is paid promptly online? This will reduce administrative time which could be better used to benefit the pupils.

## Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 3rd February 6:30pm**  
Y5 Mersea Visit meeting
- **Tuesday 3rd February 7:15pm** Y6  
Isle of Wight/SATs meeting

Parent Consultations w/b 9th February

## Other Key dates

<b>Thurs 5th Feb</b>	Class 8 Assembly 9:15am
<b>Mon 23rd Feb</b>	Non-Pupil Day 3
<b>Fri 6th Mar</b>	Class 7 Assembly 9:15am
<b>Thurs 12th Mar</b>	Class 9 Assembly 9:15am
<b>Fri 13th Mar</b>	Red Nose Day 2015
<b>Fri 27th Mar</b>	End of Spring Term
<b>Thurs 7th May</b>	Closed due to Polling Day
<b>Fri 22nd May</b>	Non-Pupil Day 4
<b>Tues 21st July</b>	End of Term
<b>Weds 22nd July</b>	Non-Pupil Day 5