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新年快乐

Happy New Year!

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China Week

So many thank you's (xiexie) need to be shared regarding this week. The children seemed to have loved the various activities on offer (from dumpling eating, to Tai Chi, to Dragon dancing) as well as being able to share these experiences with our visitors from Beijing. They leave us today to finish the last part of their stay in the UK. They have been so polite and keen to learn, we hope that they have gained much from their time with us. We certainly have been enriched by their visit. Much credit for this goes to the partnership between the school (Mrs Tingberg, Mr McIntosh and Miss Liu in particular), the individual Barnes Farm pupils and their families who hosted and also the Essex-Jiangsu centre for their support. We have certainly become much more aware of different cultures and customs as a result.

Other News

Your child should have received a letter regarding the 'house' that they have been placed in today. Please let us know if this has not been received. Half-term project is to design an emblem for their own house—entries back by Friday 27th February please. Polite reminder that Monday 23rd February is a **non-pupil day**. Finally, I am pleased to confirm that Mr Crudgington will be teaching Class 7 through to the end of the Summer term. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term.




Reading Week 2nd-6th March 2015

Please explore more details on the website under 'news'.

To celebrate our love of books and reading in general, we delighted to be marking the week (World Book Day on Thursday 5th March) with the following activities:

- **Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)** week—pupils and staff stop and read at random times throughout the week
- **Paired reading opportunities**—Children read with others outside of their year group
- **Quantum Theatre production** for the children of 'Writing on the Wall' on World Book Day.
- **A 'Dahlicious' Dress Up day** on World Book Day. Roald Dahl is our Author in the Spotlight this term as voted by the children. Dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl book character in return for a donation; 50% to the Roald Dahl foundation and 50% to the school.
- **Receipt of £1 Book Token** to spend in local bookstores.



Marie Curie Daffodils are still available after half term.

We raised £223 for Save the Children in December 2014 by wearing Christmas jumpers. Thank you!

Other Key dates

Mon 23rd Feb	Non-Pupil Day 3
Thurs 5th Mar	World Book Day dress-up
Fri 6th Mar	Class 7 Assembly 9:15am
Thurs 12th Mar	Class 9 Assembly 9:15am
Fri 13th Mar	Red Nose Day 2015
Fri 27th Mar	End of Spring Term
Thurs 23rd Apr	Class 11 Assembly
Thurs 30th Apr	Class 12 Assembly
Thurs 7th May	Closed due to Polling Day
Thurs 21st May	Class 10 Assembly
Fri 22nd May	Non-Pupil Day 4
Tues 21st July	End of Term



Literacy Competition

Monday 9th February

Year 5 + 6



On Monday 9th February, Miss Steed and Mr McTaggart accompanied eight Y5/6 pupils to Danbury Park Primary to compete alongside 9 other schools as part of the Essex Literacy competition. The pupils acquitted themselves brilliantly and learnt much from this new experience. Maths competition is after half term too!