

Staffing News



Richard McIntosh, our Deputy Headteacher since April 2014, has been successful in securing his first headship at Baddow Hall Junior School in Chelmsford. He takes over the reins at his new school in January 2021 and I would like to take this opportunity to wish him every success in this new, exciting and influential role. We will now begin the process of looking to replace his skills and expertise as we continue to grow and develop all of our staff throughout their careers.

Mr McIntosh has had various teaching roles throughout his time at the school, supporting numerous residential visits but has also played a pivotal role in championing the provision for our most disadvantaged pupils and families as well as guiding several cohorts of students through their 11+ preparation. He has solidly supported PTA events and held numerous parent voice meetings when they were needed. If you ask most of the children, though, it's his amazing assemblies that are most memorable! Last year, he stepped up to be Head of School to enable me to help set up a brand new school in Colchester on behalf of our academy trust. Thank you, Mr McIntosh, for all you have done for the school community at Barnes Farm!

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher

Parents' Evening Now Online



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have been unable to host our usual parents' evening onsite in September. However, the staff have been hard at work updating presentations to make them as informative as possible for all of our parents. They are available [here](#) (on The Teaching and Learning area of our website) and I would urge you all to watch them.

Homework -Catching Up on Key Skills

Our first use of the DfE's [Catch-Up Premium](#) has been to purchase individual study books for every child in the school. They cover reading comprehension, grammar, spelling and targeted maths support and will be used over the Autumn term as part of our home learning strategy. Your child's classteacher will guide you further on the weekly expectations for homework but these will also be available for use in the event of any local lockdown too.

Stars of the Week

18th September 2020



Autumn Term 2020

Y6	Aaron Roman	Zaiba Ahmed	Ada Hards
Y5	Sana Khatib	Elizabeth Youell	Jacob Jaworski
Y4	Mya Reynolds	Denzel Williams	Eleanor Poole
Y3	Mansi Ramineni	Elsie Hodge	Sofia Lucaci

Thank you for your co-operation

From Monday 21st September, we requested that all parents/carers and children aged 12 years and over, wore a face covering whilst onsite in the mornings and afternoons. This request has been met with nearly 100% compliance and has received very positive feedback from parents and carers themselves. Thank you!



Would you like to make a difference to your child's school? Parent Governor Needed!

Our Local Governing Board (LGB) is inviting you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. Training is available for all governors and this board of governors has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training. Attached to this newsletter email is a document which summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. If you would like to stand for election please arrange for the attached nomination form to be completed and returned to the school no later than **Friday 9th October**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 150 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent. If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.



'Virtual' Democracy in Action

Some of our Y6 pupils have put themselves forward for the elected position of House Captain. They have recorded their election speeches on video and these have been played to children across all year groups. Voting will then take place and the successful candidates announced soon. Good luck to all involved!

Parking - Wardens are patrolling!



This week we received two visits from parking enforcement to ensure compliance with parking restrictions and fixed penalty notices were handed out. Parking is restricted on **both single and double yellow lines** during school times. A local resident had an urgent hospital appointment but was blocked in from leaving their driveway in Woodroffe Close this week. Was that you? Please park responsibly and use the Asda car park if you can and walk into the school site.



Skip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah, Skip-a-Dee-Day!

**NATIONAL
FITNESS
DAY**

On Wednesday 23rd September, the whole school took part in a National Fitness Day Skipping challenge throughout the day. All the children put in a superb effort and the event was replicated across many Chelmsford schools as part of the school sports partnership.



HEADLICE

We have had some very unwelcome visitors recently. Please check your child's hair regularly and use either wet-combing or medicated products.

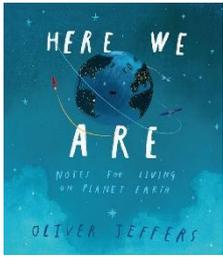
For more advice go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

PE Days

Children may attend school already changed into their PE kit on the following days. Children may wish to bring an extra change of shoes to use at lunchtime when they are allowed to play on the field.



Year 3	Mondays + Thursdays
Year 4	Tuesdays + Wednesdays
Year 5	Tuesdays, Wednesdays + every other Friday (9 th Oct)
Year 6	Mondays, Thursdays + every other Friday (2 nd Oct)



'Here We Are' - Whole-School Success

We have finished a whole school project based around the wonderful book - 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. There have been some fabulous outcomes which we have shared in displays and online via Twitter.

The project has encouraged the children to think deeply about the world around them and make some pledges about how to 'be responsible' and make a difference in the future. Please ask your child about the book and what they learnt from it.

