




We are very proud of our new '**Library Lane**' at the front of our school. We have created a new area which celebrates books and enables readers to choose from a much wider range than before. With help from Book Fair funds and a donation from the PTA we have also enhanced our stock of 'challenging' reads as well as improving our stock of good quality thesauruses in classrooms. We want to do even more with this area so I hope your child is inspired to read even more than they do now.

- ◇ We raised a magnificent £1231.72 from the recent **Readathon**. As well as helping some great charities, 20% of this amount is provided in credit to purchase more books for our school. Thank you to all those who supported this worthwhile cause.
- ◇ Our **Author in the Spotlight** is David Walliams and we have bought lots of new copies of his books. For **Headteacher's Holiday Homework**, can children in Y3, Y4 and Y5 produce a piece of work inspired by one of his books? Or they could write a letter to him? Or an imaginary interview? Go on—impress us over the Easter break!!
- ◇ Y6 have their important booster packs to complete over the holiday. Remember—little and often! 

Our Easter Service was very successful this year. Children narrated the Easter story in the Church of Our Saviour while there were actors providing freeze frame tableaux at the same time. John Sermon talked to everyone about the meaning of Easter and we sang some linked songs. A huge thank you to Mrs Pomeroy, Miss Rudkin and Miss Cavanagh for their part in putting it all together.



Governance Update

The Full Governing Body met last week and took some important decisions regarding our existing contract providers.

3 Governors visited this week to monitor our provision for reading.

We also welcomed Mr Lyndsay Whitehouse, the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex, to our team as a new Community Governor.



Sporting Achievement



Synchronised Swimming East Region Championships—Francesca

Ruffell in Y6 won a Gold Medal in her under 12 combination team event as well as an individual silver medal in the 'figures' event.

Max Atkinson and Evie Smith achieved 4th and 17th respectively in the Essex Cross-country finals last Friday. This is a great achievement from over 100 top runners in our county involved in each race. Our Cross country relay teams finished 4th overall this week too in an event at Chelmer Park with great support from parents as well.



Friends of Barnes Farm Schools

CRAFT FAIR— This was a great success on Saturday 29th March with many new crafts and some old favourites. We had some fluffy visitors this year in the form of some newborn chicks from the Infant school! Thanks to all those who contributed to making the event a continued success.

Logo—We have had some designs handed in, but have decided to **extend** the deadline to after the holidays. Can you design an idea for the new logo for the Friends of Barnes Farm Schools? Put your ideas on a piece of paper and hand it in the office.

Other Key dates

Tues 22nd April Non-Pupil Day 4

Weds 23rd April Pupils return

Mon 5th May Bank Holiday

Thurs 22nd May Polling Day—School Open

Fri 23rd May Non-Pupil Day 5

Mon 2nd June Return from half term

Tues 22nd July End of Term

Weds 3rd Sept Non-Pupil Day 1

Thurs 4th Sept Pupils return

Fri 24th Oct Non-Pupil Day 2

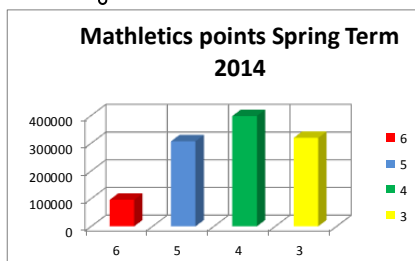
Mon 23rd Feb Non-Pupil Day 3

Fri 22nd May Non-Pupil Day 4

Weds 22nd July Non-Pupil Day 5

Mathletics Year Group Challenge

Mathletics points Spring Term 2014



Year 4 are our Champions for the Spring Term. Well done! Extra playtime for you today!

Entrepreneur Week UPDATE Class 6 have been declared our Entrepreneurs of 2013/2014 by making £190 profit from their stalls back at the Winter Fair in November 2013. Sorry for the lateness of this update but well done to all the Y5/Y6 pupils and staff who took part.