

NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance
97.5%

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Stars of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 8th July 2016

6P Eryn Martin
6C Daniel Spoor
6S Nathan Ellis
5CH Paris Revill
5S Louisa Robertson
5C Katie Pankhurst
4P Alfie Kingham
4T Grace Shea
4CK Madysen Raza
3RS Ruby O'Brien
3S Amani Ijaiya
3V Daniel Knight
Mid-day Star Olivia Kude-Vitiello

Friday 15th July 2016

6P Ella Blackie
6C Adam Thurgood
6S Si Qi Chen
5S Jessica Tuff
5C Isabelle Crane
4P Millie Cutting
4T Sufyaan Hussain
4CK Lexie Prout
3RS Zachary Roman
3S Joseph Jacobs
3V Lily Harrington
Mid-day Star Christabel Akerele

End of Year Message from the Headteacher

As another year finishes, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break. As a school, we were very proud of our Y6 SATs outcomes, particularly when compared to national and regional standards.

Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined

% BFJS pupils achieving the National standard	% Essex pupils achieving the standard	% National pupils achieving the standard	BFJS Diff with National % 2016	BFJS Diff with National % 2015	BFJS Diff with National % 2014
67%	56%	53%	+14%	-7%	-8%

They are a culmination of 4 years of hard work from the pupils themselves ; guided and supported by the school staff and parents together. I wish them all well in their future lives - keep aiming high! Attainment in other year groups is similarly pleasing. After much hard work, rigour and change, the school finishes the year in a much stronger position than when it began. This has been achieved by the hard work and dedication of staff and Governors to whom I would like to thank. We will continue to improve our provision further through listening and reflecting to the feedback that we receive. Please take the time to consider carefully our parent survey; once returned it will be looked at, evaluated and acted upon. Like any organisation, it is just as important to recognise our strengths as it is our areas to improve so please share your views.

Whilst the late arrival of Summer has been broadly welcomed at the end of this term, there have been some unwelcome occasions where disrespectful or rude comments have been made by parents to staff or to other parents that have caused upset. It is important that we are all mindful of the impact that our comments may have, however unintended that impact may be. The vast majority of our school community model our school values at every opportunity but it is everyone's responsibility to firmly uphold them so that we give our children the best chance to be responsible citizens.

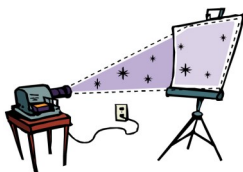
Finally, it has been a pleasure to steer another year of productions, Sports Days, home learning and assemblies at the school, not to mention the exciting curriculum here at Barnes Farm Junior School and I look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 1st September.



Investing in Teaching and Learning

Over the Summer, the Governors have approved the investment of 9 new LED smartboards to be installed into our classrooms. These solutions are projector-free, have lower running costs and will greatly minimise the noise our existing equipment makes. As a result, we are offering parents and staff first refusal (in return for a suggested contribution to the school fund) on the older smartboard screens and/or projectors.

They are all in good working condition. For more information contact the school office. Equipment will become available in September once installation has occurred.



Other Key dates

Fri 22nd July	End of Summer Term
Thu 1st Sept	Back to school!
Thu 22nd Sept	7pm IT safety meeting
Mon 26th Sept	Macmillan coffee morning
Sat 1st Oct	FOBFS PTA Junior School discos
Fri 21st Oct	INSET Day 1
Mon 24th—Fri 28th Oct	Half term

Please note that pencil cases will not be required from September—all necessary stationery is provided by the school.

Sports day

Last Monday, we welcomed family members to share in a fantastic day of sporting achievement. The morning saw a variety of competitive races organised in Year groups, where any pupil who wished to take part in a race was given the opportunity to do so. Our afternoon session took the form of a round-robin style of fun activities in House groups, with the rain mostly holding off to enable the circuit to be complete. Well done to all the pupils for participating and a special congratulations to Dragon house who were the overall winners. Thank you also to the great support shown by parents and family members who were able to attend.



Holiday homework and summer studies

It is very important that children and families have a break from the normal routine and enjoy the summer holidays as much as possible; it is equally important that all children have some regular opportunities to keep practising core skills in numeracy and literacy, such as times tables practice and reading. To assist parents, we have produced a 'Holiday Journal' for each year group that consists of a series of literacy tasks and a variety of useful websites to which you can refer. The journal should be completed and returned to your child's new class teacher on the first day of term.

Farewell!

We sadly need to say farewell to several staff who are leaving us for new adventures. Miss Plumb is embarking on a year of world travel, Mrs Tingberg is taking up a teaching position nearer to home and Mrs Cato goes on maternity leave in September. Miss Wilks is starting post-graduate studies at university, Miss Clarke is taking up a dance teaching position in Canada and we also say goodbye to Mrs Brown. Mrs Bailey, who has worked at the school for almost 20 years, is retiring and we offer particular appreciation for her long and dedicated service. Thank you to all of these staff members for their valued contribution to the school.



Summer Fete

Our fabulous PTA, Friends of Barnes Farm Schools, put together a wonderful Summer Fete last Friday, enjoyed by the whole Barnes Farm community of both Junior and Infant schools. A huge selection of stalls, raffles, refreshments, Year 6 enterprise projects, competitions and activities took place after school, offering something for everyone within a fun and positive atmosphere. At the time of writing, the projected profits are close to £2200, a fantastic achievement that will hugely benefit both schools. Thank you to all who contributed to this amazing amount and to the staff and parents who manned stalls. A special note of gratitude goes to the small band of FOBFS committee members who spent the best part of a year planning and preparing this tremendously successful event, amongst the other activities they run for our pupils during the year, in order to enrich our school community and provide useful funds that go directly back into provision for our pupils. Well done!

Year 6 production: The Pirates of the Curry Bean!

Once again, we were treated to an excellent end of year production from our very talented Year 6 pupils. Over the course of four performances to an estimated 500 people, the children demonstrated skills in acting, singing, dancing and delivering some fairly corny humour with great comic timing! We are very proud of all of them for the high calibre of performance they achieved in a short space of time. Many thanks to the teachers and support staff who helped put together the production so expertly.



Safety notice

There have been two incidents in the last week where parent's parked cars have been broken into in order to steal handbags. We want to raise awareness of the need to remain vigilant regarding such criminal acts occurring at peak times of the school day. Please let us and the police know if you spot any suspicious activity or actual incidents.