

## **Barnes Farm Junior School**



# NEWSLETTER

Attendance 97.2%

Summer Menu Week 2 beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2019

No 12 Thu 28th Nov 2019

Stars of the Week

22nd November 2019



Y6 Lily Frost

Owen Wheal

Xiaolin Chen

Y5 Thomas Doggett

Ada Hards

Emily Lin

Y4 Lukas Booty

Maria Stochici

Jack Whittaker

Y3 Scarlett Parkinson

Zaeem Alam

Amy Ellis

The School Council have organised a talent show for the end of term - Barnes Farm's Got Talent! Anyone can take part with a safe and sensible act, suitable for a school. The first round will take place in classes from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - children can talk to the school councillors from their class or to their teacher for more details.

### **Key Dates**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Y4 Bikeability

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** Y6 curriculum presentation 3.30pm

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** Y3 curriculum presentation 3pm

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Y5 curriculum presentation 2pm

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Y3 (9.30am) & Y4 (11am) Christmas

concerts at Church of Our Saviour

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** Y4 curriculum presentation 2.30pm

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Dinner + Jumper Day

Carol Singing at the Barn 3:15pm

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Last day of term

2020

**Mon 6**<sup>th</sup> **Jan** Non-Pupil Day

**Tues 7**<sup>th</sup> **Jan** Pupils return to school

Non-Pupil Days 2019-2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Bank Holiday change – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 now 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020







## Clubs

The majority of clubs have now finished for this term. The only clubs continuing after this week are Glee club and the Girls' and Boys' School Football teams that are trained by Mr White.

Clubs for the Spring term will be the same as for this term and the children currently in each club can continue, unless they would like to stop or to try a different club. Please let the office know if your child would prefer to leave the club in the Spring term via telephone, a note or email to admin@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk

## Weekly Cups Won so far this term

## **Reading Challenge Winners**



Griffin	1
Phoenix	5
Pegasus	3
Dragon	1



Week 6	5C - 86%
Week 7	5C - 86%
Week 8	4W & 5C - 81%
Week 9	3S - 86%

We want to encourage all pupils in every class to reach that very achievable target of reading at home at least five times per week and to have this initialled in Pupil Passports by parents. This may consist of reading alone, being read to or reading to an adult.

## Midday Assistant Vacancy - closing date 2.12.19

We have a vacancy for a midday assistant to join our hardworking lunchtime staff team. This is an important and fulfilling role, helping the smooth operation of lunchtime and promoting appropriate play and good relationships. A full job advert can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the following website: <a href="http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=56230">http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=56230</a>



## The Sun Newspaper - Books for Schools

The Sun newspaper has teamed up with Harper Collins to provide free books to primary schools worth £600 and both Barnes Farm schools have signed up. To enable each school to receive their free pack of books all we need to do is for each school to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 18th January 2020. If you or your family and friends read The Sun please collect the tokens and send them into school. These can be collected in class.





## School games update



Boccia, Kurling and Archery

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 14 children from Years 3-5 represented the school at the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership Boccia, Kurling and Archery festival. After receiving coaching in the various sports, the children took part

in competitions against as many as 32



other teams. The pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and were a credit to Barnes Farm and excellent advocates of

our 'Secrets of Success'. We are delighted to report the success of one our Boccia teams who were placed second in their competition and as a result have been selected to represent the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership at the County finals in January.

Huge congratulations to all of the children that took part - this was a fantastic opportunity to learn a new skill and take part in a competition. Also, many thanks to Mrs Hogan and Mrs Luther for accompanying the children and encouraging them in 'Trying new things'. Well done to everybody involved and good luck to the Boccia team at the finals.

#### Mindfulness

Over the last half term, Year 3 have been taking part in weekly mindfulness coaching with Catherine Eubanks from Best4kids. The children have been learning techniques for self-care along with strategies to use in the playground and when making friends. They will continue in the Spring term with a unit based on yoga techniques. Catherine will also be running a school club later in the year as well as a mindfulness group for children in other year groups.

## **Daily Mile Update**

In a bid to reinvigorate our uptake for the Daily Mile and promote its benefits, Years 4 and 5 have been taking part in running workshops that focus on techniques and strategies to improve running the daily mile. These workshops have been provided by Chelmer Roadrunners who are visiting again this week and next to check on the children's progress. Year 3 took part in running workshops as part of their PE curriculum at the start of the year and are working really hard to do their daily running.







## Midday Assistant Vacancy Advert

Pay Range: Band 1 National Pay Spine 1

Contract Type: Part-time

Application Close: 02/12/2019 Midday

Position Start Date: Immediate Contract Term: Permanent Date of Interviews: 11/12/2019

We are looking to appoint a reliable, caring, adaptable, motivated and enthusiastic Midday Assistant to join our friendly and supportive team. The hours of work will be Monday to Friday from 12:15 - 13:30.

#### The successful candidates must:

- Be able to follow guidance from the Midday Supervisor and assist with the management of the dining hall to enable a calm and enjoyable lunch for our pupils.
- In collaboration with other midday colleagues and senior staff creatively manage and implement interesting and stimulating activities for lunchtime play.
- Oversee the pupils in the playground with positive engagement to ensure a safe and happy play time experience.
- Ensure First Aid protocols are followed including adherence to record keeping.
- Implement the Safeguarding and Behaviour Management Policy consistently.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Have the ability to use their own initiative.

Our friendly team will support you and training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying or would like a tour of the school beforehand, please contact Mr McIntosh at the school on 01245 467973

Deadline for applications Midday Monday 2nd December 2019

Shortlisting: Wednesday 4th December 2019

Interviews will take place on Tuesday 10th December 2019

The Chelmsford Learning Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people within its schools and expects all staff to share in this commitment. In compliance with safer recruitment procedures and guidelines, CVs will not be accepted and this appointment will be subject to pre-employment checks including an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service and satisfactory references. The Chelmsford Learning Partnership is an equal opportunities employer.

Further details:

https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk

https://clptrust.com





## Information about the School

Our mission is to inspire and educate.

Barnes Farm Junior School is at the heart of an improving and busy learning community. In order for every child to be safe, to learn and to be heard we uphold the following values:

Be Positive Be Respectful Be Responsible

Our motto is 'Aim High Fly Higher' and we endeavour to model this in everything we do.

We converted in 2018 to an academy as a founding member of The Chelmsford Learning Partnership, a newly formed Multi-Academy Trust consisting of 2 secondary schools, 4 primary schools and one all through school in the Chelmsford/Essex area.

You can also follow us and our achievements on Twitter @barnesfarmjnr



