



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

19 May 2023

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Attendance

We are pleased to announce our attendance winners since our last newsletter:

Week ending	Overall attendance	Best Class
18 May 2023	99%	EYFS
11 May 2023	99.57%	Year 6
4 May 2023	99.17%	EYFS
27 April 2023	99.31%	Year 6

TT Rockstars / Numbots

We are proud to announce the following winners over the past week:

Week ending	Class TT Rockstars	Individual TT Rockstars	Class Numbots	Individual Numbots
19 May 2023	Year 3	Alex, Y5	Year 2	Ethan, Y1

STAFFING

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to the F&B family. Mrs Clare Morgan is working with us assisting with attendance. Mrs Shelley Rowlett will be working within our Teaching Assistant team and with our Midday Assistants. We all look forward to working with you both.

We will be saying goodbye to Ms Karen Baker who will be leaving us on 26 May 2023 for pastures new. We would like to thank her for her commitment and support throughout the school during her time with us and wish her all the best for the future.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sports Day

Our sports day will take place on Monday 12 June 2023 with KS2 events taking place in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon. We have a reserve date of Wednesday 5 July 2023 should we need to cancel due to weather.

KS2 events will start at 10:00 am and KS1 at 1:15 pm. Swimming sessions for KS2 children will still take place during the afternoon.

Parents are welcome to stay or arrive early if KS1 at 12:00 for a family picnic lunch. If you wish you can order a cold option meal for your child available from the school. Please complete our Parent-mail form no later than Thursday 8 June 2023 so we can inform our provider of your choices. Alternatively you can provide your own picnic lunch for all the family. Those children who do not have parents here for lunch, will eat with staff.

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Once the events of the day have finished, you are able to take your child home or return to collect at the normal finish time. There are no after-school clubs scheduled to take place.

Please also see our diary of events coming up below.

REMINDERS

Contributions for school visits/activities

We strive to provide the best education possible for all the children and schedule visits and other activities to enhance their learning. These often provide a valuable experience that some children would otherwise not have the opportunity to access. Some of these events do involve a cost either for just transport to the venue (such as swimming to enable them to meet the national curriculum 25 metre requirement) or an all inclusive day trip, where we ask parents for a voluntary contribution. We are aware of people struggling with the cost of living, but this is also impacting the school where we are experiencing huge rises in fuel costs, resources and everyday essentials which all need to come from our school budget. To assist us with balancing our school budget to provide these extras, we would be very grateful if all could contribute in some way to the costs requested where possible as detailed in each visit letter. If you are experiencing any financial constraints please do come and speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team so we could arrange an alternative, installments, later payment timeframe or part-payment contribution. Unfortunately, there may be times when trips will need to be cancelled due to lack of contributions received.

HSLO parent drop-in sessions

Kim Douglas is our Home-School support liaison officer and is available to all families seeking this service. She holds regular drop-in sessions with parents when required. If you are seeking help, please leave your name and number with our office staff and your details will be forwarded to her to contact you directly.

FORTHCOMING NOTICE

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to secure a booking for our whole school pantomime. We will be visiting Harlow Playhouse again on Friday 8 December 2023 for their afternoon performance. We will be writing to you with more details and to collect deposits in September when we return for the new Academic year.

PE Kits

We will be making changes with our PE kits from September 2023 and children will be able to wear these to school for the whole day on their timetabled PE days. Look out for more information which will be issued mid-June.

Attendance

Our Attendance Policy is also in the process of being reviewed due to the Government's White Paper. Further information along with the Policy will be issued mid-June.

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Dates for your diary

29 May—2 June 2023	Half Term
5 & 6 June 2023	School closed—INSET Days
7 June 2023	Pupils' return to school
12 June 2023	Sports Day—KS2 morning starting 10:00 am KS1 afternoon starting at 1:15 pm
ADVANCE NOTICE	
5 July 2023	Reserve Sports Day (if needed due to cancellation of main event)
20 July 2023	End of Term BBQ
SEPTEMBER 2023	
4 September	INSET Day—School closed
5 September	Pupils return to school

