



# Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

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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
23 February 2023	98.33%	Year 2
9 February 2023	100%	EYFS
2 February 2023	98.67%	Year 3



Fawbert were the House winners for the half-term 3 January—10 February 2023 and also won the House token award. They celebrated their achievements with a fun afternoon of various activities.

### 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
24 February 2023	Year 3	Bianca, Y3	Year 2	Ema, EFYS
10 February 2023	Year 6	Amelie, Y6	Year 2	Samuel, Y2
3 February 2023	Year 4	Maci, Y6	Year 1	Harrison, Y2

## STAFFING

We would like to welcome two members of staff to the F&B family. Mrs Christine Phillips who is working with Year 6 and will be supporting them each week in preparation for their SATs. Miss Kaye Smith has joined our premises team and assisting us with our cleaning.

We all look forward to working with you.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Shona Briscoe on 15 March 2023 who will be leaving us for ventures new. We would like to thank her for her support across the school throughout her 14 years with us and wish her every success for the future.

## UPDATE ON EVENTS HELD

### PJ Day—Friday 10 February 2023

Thank you to those who took part in our PJ day on Friday 10 February 2023. This has raised £177 towards our additional space fundraising pot.

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### Pancake races

We held our traditional pancake races on Tuesday 21 February 2023 with a girl and boy from each year representing each house. They all took part in a relay with their frying pans and pancakes at the ready. Great fun was had by all with House points being awarded to each house. The results were:

1st—Fawbert;    2nd—Gibberd                      3rd—Barnard                      4th—Moore

Further information on all events that have taken place can be found on our [latest news](#) and [festival](#) pages of our website.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### Mother's Day Gifts

Our Friends Association will be providing the children with the opportunity to purchase a surprise gift to celebrate Mother's Day. Children will be collected from classes and taken to the sale within school. If your child would like to take part, please provide them with some funding which should be in a named envelope and brought in on the day for them to take with them to purchase their gift. This event will take place on Tuesday 7 March 2023 from 9:00 am-11:30 am.

#### Science Week

We are in the process of putting together our timetable to celebrate Science week the week beginning 13 March 2023. Please keep an eye out for further details.

Please also see our diary of events coming up below.

### **REMINDERS**

#### On-line safety message

Our Year 3 have been working hard with our drama specialist Sam Ashford and have produced a video to promote on-line safety. This is a brilliant piece of work and is now available on our [website](#)

#### School Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is growing with up to 10 children regularly attending throughout the week and enjoying their sessions with us. We are therefore pleased to confirm that this will be an on-going service that can be provided. We currently have one member of staff who is running this, however, as our numbers grow this can be increased. This service is available Monday to Friday from 7:30 am at £5.00 per session. Children arriving before 8:15 am will be provided with a breakfast before taking to their classes at 8:40 am. Places need booking in advance and payment made so we can provide the correct ratio of staff. For an application form and more details of how we can accommodate your needs, please call the school office and speak with Jay.

#### Parents & Teachers take on Half-marathon



We are 12 parents and teachers from the Fawbert and Barnard's community in Old Harlow who are hoping to raise £2K by taking part in a marathon. In March we are putting our best feet forward to raise additional funds for the school; being in an old building, the school has limited capacity to offer additional spaces for reading, chill-out areas and sensory spaces. Money raised will go towards creating additional space on the school grounds to create new learning spaces for all the children to benefit from. Between us, we will be training to run distances of 5k, 10k or half marathon in March. We would be so grateful for your support. If you would like to donate, please do so using the link below:

Link: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alexandra-bates-1?utm\\_term=x7eGvkGvE](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alexandra-bates-1?utm_term=x7eGvkGvE)

#### Cost of Living Assistance

We know people are worried about rising costs and may be struggling. Help is available through a range of services, resources and additional information during this difficult time and can be found on our [website page](#) where you can contact the organisations directly.

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Home-School Support 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.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2 March 2023	World Book Day—Dress as your favourite book character—see letter dated 21 February 2023 for further information
3 March 2023	Friends Disco (15:30 for KS1, 16:30 for KS2) - see parentmail of 3 February for more information
7 March 2023	Friends Mother’s Day Sale—further details to follow
8 March 2023	ACL workshop for parents—Junior writing (13:30-15:00)
13 March 2023	Science week celebrations—further details to follow
27 March 2023	Rocksteady attendees concert (09:15-10:00) - 2 parents per family welcome to attend
30 March 2023	KS1 Easter Hat Parade (14:30)
31 March 2023	End of term—school closes at <b>13:30</b>
3-14 April 2023	Easter Holiday
17 April 2023	Pupils’ return to school

