



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

14 December 2020

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Staff Updates

We are sorry to say that Mrs Ray Eastland will be leaving us at the end of the term after 8 years with us. We thank her for her contributions to the school, especially our sporting festivals and wish her all the best for the future.

Weekly Achievements

Attendance

We have celebrated the following attendance winners:

| Week ending | Overall attendance | Best Class |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 10 December 2021 | 98.84 | Year 2 |
| 3 December 2021 | 98.73 | Year 3 |

TT Rockstars / Numbots

Our weekly winners have been:

| Week ending: | Class TT Rockstars | Individual TT Rockstar | Class Numbots | Individual Numbots |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 10 December 2021 | Year 4 | Amara, Y3 | Year 2 | Lena, EYFS |
| 3 December 2021 | Year 6 | Laura, Y3 | Year 2 | Ava, EYFS |

Update on Events Held

Friends Christmas Jumper / Hot Chocolate

We are pleased to inform you that the Friends raised £201.89 from their recent Christmas Jumper sale and hot chocolate event.

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances

We have now held all our Christmas Performances. Despite the changes made due to the current restrictions we are facing, these were all very successful and we are pleased that we were able to share them with you. We are very proud of the children who showed their resilience in learning their lines and songs in a short period of time and keeping up with the ever changing roles. Well done to you all. We would also like to express our thanks for the contributions received at these and to those who donated their winnings from the daily raffle back to the school.

KS2 Choir Performance

Our Key Stage Two carols by candlelight performance held on Wednesday 8 December was another huge success and well supported on a cold evening. Again, all credit to the children for learning their lines and making it a special performance.

We are pleased to inform you that we raised £427.93 from all of these performances. This will be used to pay for the licensing required to run the shows and enhance the children's education across the school.

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We would also like to thank the Friends for their support at this event who ran various tombola stalls along with a raffle. They raised a fantastic £2462.40 towards their fundraising.

In-house Pantomime

We had Shooting Star Entertainments visit us on Friday 10 December 2021 for their performance of Sleeping Beauty. All children attended in two showings which was well received.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christingle

As this is so close to the Christmas festivities and we do not wish anyone having to isolate, this event will now take place within school either as an outdoor event or via zoom into classes. We would like to thank the Friends for organizing the children's Christingle oranges which they will bring home with them on Friday 17 December 2021.

OTHER UPDATES

IT Devices

Over the past two years we have circulated surveys regarding the availability of IT devices within your home should the school be faced with reverting to on-line teaching. If anyone's circumstances have changed and you would find this very difficult for your child to access a device, please contact Mr Worton-Geer to discuss availability which can be provided by the school to ensure they can access this.

Food Booklets

We are pleased to be able to share a publication providing useful hints and tips for food preparation and some lovely recipes. Please see the link below for further details:

[BDA Let's Get Cooking Part 1](#)

[BDA Let's Get Cooking Part 2](#)

If you make anything from the booklet then Mrs Nicolson would love you to send her some photos! (year2@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk)

Homework Policy

Our [Homework Policy](#) was recently updated at a Governors meeting and is attached for your information.

REMINDERS

Club lists

Please look out for our clubs timetable starting week beginning 17 January 2022 that will be published before the end of term. Some clubs have no charge as we want all people to be able to have the opportunity of extra curriculum activities.

COVID Testing

Guidelines have changed regarding self-isolating if you have symptoms or confirmed COVID –19.

Pupils who are showing symptoms, or have had a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test, should self-isolate and get a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test.

If a pupil tests negative and they feel well, they can stop self-isolating and return to school. If the pupil tests positive, they should continue to self-isolate in line with public health guidance.

Please remember to send us positive test results ASAP, so we can record the absence correctly and inform the school community and authorities that we have reported confirmed cases.

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Message from Mrs Spearman and Mr Worton-Geer

We would both like to thank you all so much for your support this term and for the wonderful gifts, very much appreciated.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope that you and your family have a wonderful break.

Sue and Arnie



Wishing you all a Happy
Christmas and
prosperous New Year
From all the staff at FGB

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
|------------------|--|
| 15 December 2021 | KS2 Christmas dinner day EYFS & KS1 class parties |
| 16 December 2021 | KS1 Christmas dinner day KS2 Class parties |
| 17 December 2021 | Christingle School finishes at 1:30 pm |
| 4 January 2022 | INSET Day—School closed to pupils |
| 5 January 2022 | Pupils' return to school |
| 17 January 2022 | Clubs start Music tuition starts |