



# Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

### Weekly Achievements

#### TT Rockstars / Numbots

We continue to award our weekly winners who have been:

These are also recorded weekly on our website and can be found by clicking on the classes and group tab.

Week ending:	Class TT Rockstars	Individual TT Rockstar	Class Numbots	Individual Numbots
15 October 2021	Year 3	Reggie, Y3	Year 2	Robyn, Y2
8 October 2021	Yar 6	Max W, Y3	Year 1	Harrison, Y1

#### Attendance

We have celebrated our weekly attendance classes winners who were:

Week ending:	Class	Attendance achieved
15 October 2021	5	97.33
8 October 2021	6	97.67

#### Parent Governor

Following our recent ballot to fill our Parent Governor vacancy, we are pleased to announce that Mr Glyn Evans was selected. We look forward to welcoming him. We would like to thank all candidates for standing for this opportunity.

#### Harvest

We would like to share some children's work from our Year 2 pupils following our recent Harvest celebrations:

*"On Tuesday we had a Harvest festival. We brought food for the Food Bank. We also dressed up as vegetables. I dressed up as a cucumber and we sang a song called "We are the singing vegetables". We did it on Zoom. All the classes did songs and poems. Reception did the Scarecrow song and dance. Year 6 and 4 did poems, Years 2, 3 and 1 did songs. Year 1 did a rainbow out of vegetables. The School Council talked about the harvest around the world. In the past everyone did harvest at the same time. I made a hat and made a cucumber out of card and painted them." Billy B-D*

*"On Tuesday we all had Harvest Festival. We dressed up as vegetables and sang a song. We gave our food to the Food Bank. The School Council team said give food in for the school. We sang on Zoom." Denny G*

*"In Year 2 we made a hat in the colour of our group. All the children brought food in for the Food Bank. Key Stage 2 said some poems. On Harvest Festival which was Tuesday we had a special assembly on Zoom with all the classes." Rosanna*

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### *Celebrations*

At our weekly celebration assemblies we share all achievements completed throughout the week. This could involve certificates achieved from outside of school clubs such as swimming, music exams, dancing, cubs, brownies etc. If your child has received an award outside of school, please share this with us so we can celebrate this at these special assemblies and can make a display of these.

### *Artsmark*

Some of you may remember that we started our Artsmark quality award back in 2019, this sadly was put on hold due to the pandemic, however we are extremely pleased, and excited, to announce that we are currently restarting our journey and we need your help.

Our school has always ensured that the arts are central to our curriculum and are an integral part of our daily school life. To enhance our provision further, we would like to find out whether we have any experts in the arts within our school family and, if so, would be willing to come into school and hold a workshop (or two!) for the children.

We need to know:

1. Do you have any skills/qualifications in the arts and what they are?
2. Would you be willing to come into school and hold workshops? This could be half-termly or termly or more often if time allows. Please get in touch with me via [admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk)

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

### *Fund Raising*

I am delighted to say that the Friends committee is now meeting regularly to organise exciting events for your children to take part in. They are looking at a uniform sale on 18th October, disco on 12th November, selling Christmas gifts in December and running a few stalls at our Carols by Candlelight event. The funds raised will be spent on things the friends feel are important to the children.

As many of you may have seen in the media, schools are struggling to make ends meet and Fawbert & Barnard's is no exception. Huge additional costs due to COVID, as well as an increased number of children needing additional adult support in school, means that our budget is tighter than it has ever been before. However, we are determined to continue to provide our children with a full and enriched curriculum, as well as making this year a year to remember. To provide for all this, we have decided to carry out a non-uniform day at the end of every half term. As we do not want to be asking too much of you (we know money is tight with many of you as well) we have made the hard decision not to support national charities, as we usually do, we feel that this year it is our own children that are in need. However, you are always able to support these charities in your own way, outside of school.

Friday 22nd October will be a non-uniform day for pupils and staff and we would ask for a donation towards the school fund.

### *Christmas*

We are busy planning Christmas events including Plays and Concerts, Christmas dinner, parties and our Christingle. These events may run a little differently to pre COVID times as we want to make sure everyone can socially distance and stay well for the Christmas period when we hope we can all spend time with our families and loved ones, this year. We will have a plan B ready in case we have to use it. More details will follow after half term.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

St Mary's Churchgate Street, are putting on a Messy Church Light Party on Sunday 31st October 4-5.30pm. Free family fun! There will be crafts, games, songs, Bible story and food. Go dressed in your BRIGHTEST clothes.

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Register for free tickets <https://bit.ly/Messychurch> or see the attached [flyer](#) for further information.

### Essex Activate October Half-term

Essex ActivAte is the new holiday activity and food programme run by Active Essex in partnership with Essex County Council and funded by the Department for Education. Working with a network of holiday club delivery partners the programme provides FREE face to face clubs for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, as well as young people from working families who would benefit from this extra support. Clubs will include fun activities, including sports and arts & crafts, for at least 4 hours per day. Plus every child will get a healthy, tasty lunch!

October bookings are now open!

They now have 22 clubs running in the West Essex for the October half term. CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE BOOKING LINKS or see the attached [flyer](#).

### ESSA Water Activities Centre

ESSA Water Activities Centre are offering activity days during the half-term along with Sailing and Kayaking Courses available. See their [flyer](#) attached for more information.

## **REMINDERS**

### Respecting our Neighbours

We would like to remind you of parking around the area and respecting our neighbours properties by not allowing your children to pick flowers or kick their stones from their gardens. Please show consideration when parking and do not block their access. There are car parks a shorter distance away from the school that are free of charge for an hour as well as the disused garage area around Chipping-fields. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Date	Event
20 October 2021	Pre-Loved Uniform sale (after drop off and at collection)
19 & 21 October 2021	Parent/Teacher consultations via Zoom—please see <a href="#">letter of 21/09/21</a> for further information
22 October 2021	Non-uniform day—donations for school fund
25-29 October 2021	Half-term
1 November 2021	Pupils' return to school Week 2 of dinner menu