



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
2 February 2023	98.67%	Year 3

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
3 February 2023	Year 4	Maci, Y6	Year 1	Harrison, Y2

Voluntary contributions for visits

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 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, instalments, 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.

UPDATE ON EVENTS HELD

School Dinner Taster Session

Thank you to those who came along and sampled our school dinners, we hope you enjoyed them. The HCL team were very impressed with feedback they received on the day and said it was a very successful event.

We have scheduled 5 themed days over the remainder of our academic year with the first taking place on 2 March 2023 to celebrate World Book Day with the theme of Harry Potter. This was noted on the pre-order form that was issued last week. Keep an eye out for further events.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Parent / Teacher Consultations

We are pleased to inform you that parent / teacher consultations will take place face-to-face on Tuesday 21 February from 15:30-17:30 and 18:00-19:00 and Monday 27 February from 15:30-17:30 and you will have the opportunity to also view your child's books at these sessions. Please ensure you have booked your session via our parentmail system.

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



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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

Please also see our diary of events coming up below.

REMINDERS

Parking

We have received several complaints from local neighbours recently regarding parking around the school area. Could we remind you that driveways, garages and entrances to garaged areas should not be blocked at any time. Our neighbours also have emergencies and children to attend to and are being delayed by inconsiderate parking taking place.

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.

School Breakfast Club

We still have spaces available at our breakfast club each morning. 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 as we are currently operating on one member until numbers increase. For an application form and more details of how we can accommodate your needs, please call the school office and speak with Jay.

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
10 February 2023	Friends non-uniform day (theme of PJs / onesies or school uniform) - Friends Film evening—see letter issued on 20 January 2023
13-17 February 2023	HALF-TERM
20 February 2023	Pupils return to school School clubs and music tuition resumes
21 February 2023	Teacher/Parent consultations (15:30-17:30 & 18:00-19:00)
24 February 2023	Friends preloved fancy dress sale (9:00)
27 February 2023	Teacher/Parent consultations (15:30-17:30)
2 March 2023	World Book Day—Dress as your favourite book character
3 March 2023	Friends Disco (15:30 for KS1, 16:30 for KS2) - details to follow

