



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

1 December 2022

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Weekly Achievements

Attendance

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

Week ending	Overall attendance	Best Class
25 November 2022	99.33	Year 2
18 November 2022	98.99	Year 4

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
25 November 2022	Year 4	Scarlett R, Y4	Year 2	Artem, Y1
18 November 2022	Year 3	Scarlett M, Y4	Year 2	Cayden, Y2

UPDATE ON EVENTS HELD

Coffee Morning

We held our first coffee morning again on Thursday 17 November 2022 where five parents came along for a cup of coffee and a chat. We received feedback on the parent consultation regarding starting times; the new format for after-school clubs; new format for swimming sessions; the recent survey regarding PE and school meals.

We will be looking to host another event towards the end of next term and will issue reminders through our class ambassadors. Thank you to those who were able to attend.

School Council Events

The School Council organized a fantastic day to promote Children in Need and Anti-Bullying week on Friday 18 November 2022. Thank you to all those who took part. They have received £46 in donations so far. Please see our children in need [JustGiving](#) gift aid page if you would still like to make a donation.

SAFEGUARDING

Tik-Tok Age restriction

TikTok has now raised its Livestreaming Age Requirement to 18. TikTok has frequently been called out for its glaring failures to protect under 18s which use its service. With its flashy images, easily digestible content and 'childlike' feel it has always been popular among school aged children. A fact which has made its safeguarding failures all the more worrying. The platform's attempt to ban under 18s seems to be unfeasible however, and so it is as important as ever to be aware of its usage at home. In particular, its gift function can easily be manipulated in order to commit criminal acts against children. As such wariness around the app should not be lowered as a result. To find out more about what motivated their decision, and its potential outcomes head over to the page linked below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-63262102>

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances will start taking place on 6 and 7 December 2022 and the children are all busy rehearsing and looking forward to your attendance.

Our Christmas card post box will be in the hall lobby and children can post their cards for friends here. Please ensure that they have the addressee's name and class on the envelope to ensure they are given to the correct person.

Please see our dates for your diary section for the full listing of events taking place.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

We are pleased to say that the school will be running a breakfast club from Tuesday 4th January 2023. Each session will allow for drop off between 7:30 and 8:40 am and will cost £5, per child. Breakfast will be provided, and the children taken to their class at 8:40 am. The sessions will need to be prebooked and paid for before the start of the new term. We will run the club for a term to see how successful it is but will need a minimum of 10 children each day for this to be worthwhile to continue into the summer term. More information will be sent out before the end of term.

Home from Home Childcarers will be offering an afterschool and holiday club at F & B (hopefully from January 2023). If anyone is interested in a space for their child or for more information, please contact Home from Home Childcarers on 07512 201850 or 01279 790258 or email us at hfhc.management@outlook.com.

Other childcare providers can also be found on our [website](#) page.

Take a look at our website community page for events taking place within the local vicinity. Please see [here](#) for more details.

We have also been informed that there is a community pop up shop at the congregation church, Sawbridgeworth. This is open Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm and Saturdays 10 - 12 am and anyone can go and get items they need.

ACL workshops

We are pleased to inform you that ACL will be providing our parents with various workshops on a Wednesday afternoon between 1:30—3:00 pm at our school. Sessions include KS1 & 2 Maths, KS1 Phonics, EYFS/KS1 Writing, KS2 Writing and Storysacks. Please see the attached flyers with further details and how to book your place.

REMINDERS

Behaviour Policy

Our behaviour policy has been reviewed by our Governors and is now available on our [website](#) for your information.

Uniform footwear

May we remind you that our footwear permitted for school is Black school shoes, ankle boots or plain black trainers - All school shoes should have a buckle, laces, Velcro or elastic straps and not be open toed for health and safety reasons.

Emergency Contact Numbers

We have experienced several occasions when we are unable to contact parents or other contacts with regard to requesting details of absence as part of our first day call procedures as we have not been notified or asking to collect their child due to illness. Please could you ensure we have the updated details for emergency use so we can ensure our safeguarding duty is followed.

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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.

Fundraising whilst shopping

There are a number of ways that you can help raise funds for the school whilst shopping on-line or by joining our school lottery. Here is how:

- ♦ Join our [School Lottery](#) – This is open to all families, friends, neighbours, work colleagues etc
- ♦ Love Shopping? Each time you shop through [Easyfundraising](#), you can create donations for our school by selecting us as your charity.
- ♦ Shop AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1176035-0>, and Amazon donates to Friends Of Fawbert & Barnard's, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping App to all Amazon customers using an iPhone or Android phone. When supporters have activated AmazonSmile in the app, every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation for our organisation. Go to "Settings" in your app's menu to activate AmazonSmile.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
30 November 2022	Music Concert for those taking individual music tuition (14:00)
2 December 2022	Friends Christmas Jumper sale and Hot Chocolate—more details to follow
5 December 2022	Non-uniform Day for Friends tombolas at KS2 carol performance
6 December 2022	9:15 am—EYFS Christmas Performance 2:00 pm—Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance
7 December 2022	9:15 am—Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance 2:00 pm—EYFS Christmas Performance 4:00 pm—Friends tombolas 5:30 pm—KS2 Christmas Carols
8 December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
9 December 2022	Friends Christmas present sale for children
12 December 2022	Rocksteady tuition concert for parents (9:15)
14 December 2022	Christmas dinner day
15 December 2022	Pantomime visit (9:00 am)
16 December 2022	Christingle Service (9:30 am) Finish School (1:30 pm)

