



# Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

2020

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**29 January**  
Coffee afternoon (14:00—  
Hall)

**11 February**  
Internet Safety Day

**12 February**  
Y2 Homework sharing  
morning (8:45-9:15)

**13 February**  
Valentine Day lunch

**14 February**  
INSET DAY—School  
closed to pupils'

**17-21 February**  
HALF-TERM

**24 February**  
Pupils' return to school

Clubs continue

**27-28 February**  
Y5 Bikeability course  
(Group 1)

**2-3 March**  
Y5 Bikeability course  
(Group 2)

**Parent consultations  
for all classes as fol-  
lows:**

**30 March 2020**  
15:30-17:30 in classes

AND

**2 April 2020**  
15:30-17:30 and  
18:20-19:30 in classes

## ADVANCED NOTICE:

### SPORTS DAY

26 June 2020  
10:30: EYFS & KS1  
12:00-13:00: Family picnic  
lunch  
13:00-2:30: KS2

Welcome of our latest newsletter.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

### Attendance

We have celebrated the following class attendance achievements:

Week ending	Winning class
10 January 2020	1, 3 & 5 (100%)
17 January 2020	1, 5 & 6 (100%)
24 January 2020	R & 2 (99.63%)

Attendance is improving across the school. For the first time this term we have had several weeks with three classes all achieving 100%, so thank you for your support with this. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you that if you child's attendance begins to fall below 95% we will contact you and offer to work with you in any-way to improve this. If your child's attendance is below 90% they are classed as a persistent absentee by the government and we will ask you to attend a meeting so again we can work with you to improve this. Please do look at our attendance policy either on the website or in the foyer for further information.

Could we also remind you that if your child is absent from school, you need to inform us by 9:15 am each day. A message can be left on our answerphone or you can e-mail us. If we do not receive any information we are required to make a home visit to ensure you and your family are safe. A request for a leave of absence should be sent in at least two weeks beforehand.

### Celebrations

We are really pleased to announce that the school has again won the monthly TMAT TT Rockstars trophy. The three schools in the academy compete against each other based on the number of questions the pupils get correct.

### Front of school

The school is waiting to hear if it has been successful in getting a CIF bid to open the front of the school up. We are also working with Essex Highways to try to get the zebra crossing more noticeable by drivers and alternative signage and regulations outside the front of the school. Should you see any dangerous driving please use the link on our website to report this. This can be found on our letters page and clicking on Reporting Road Users.

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### Parents coffee morning

It was lovely to see parents at our coffee morning on Thursday, we discussed several things including the panto, clubs, school lunches and much more. If you missed this we will be holding an afternoon session on 29 January 2020 at 2:00 pm, so please do pop in to share your thoughts on things the school are doing.

### PE Award

We are very pleased to announce we have achieved Gold again for the PE awards. The new plaque is on display in our trophy cupboard in the Hall foyer for all to see.

### Values

Our School value for February is Honesty. We can show honesty by:

- Playing fairly without cheating
- Telling the truth
- Owning up when we have done wrong and apologising

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**



#### Valentine Lunch Special

Our Catering team will be serving a special lunch for pupils' on Thursday 13 February 2020 to celebrate Valentine's day. The menu will consist of:

Sausages / Linda McCartney Vegetarian Sausages, served with Mash Potato & Green beans Ham & Cucumber wrap salad with cherry tomatoes & grated carrot  
Valentine cupcake

Orders can be purchased in the normal way.

### Parents Consultations

The dates for parents consultations are now on the website, we would like to invite all children to attend and to discuss their learning with their parents and teacher. Sessions will again take place in the classrooms. If you are looking at your child's learning and waiting for your appointment, can I please ask that you provide some privacy for parents who are speaking to the class teacher. Teachers will talk about both your child's attainment (if they are on track with their learning) and the progress they are making.

### Free milk scheme

We have registered for free milk to be available for our under fives in Reception and this will now be offered to them during their break. Due to this, milk will no longer be provided with the school dinner for those in Reception to Year 2.

### **REMINDERS**

#### Music Lessons

Our music lessons continue to thrive and we are making enquiries if there is a need to get more music teachers. Music lessons can be 1:1 or groups. We currently have tuition for clarinet, drumming, guitar and piano. Fees are from £55—£76 per term for 10 weeks x 15-20 minutes tuition. Did you know that if you receive pupil premium (free school meals) your child is entitled to 66% of the cost of a music lesson (currently at £50.75). Lessons are available to KS2 pupils and we hold a waiting list. Please do contact the office if you would like to find out more.

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### Packed Lunches

We would like to remind you that we encourage healthy eating at lunchtimes, therefore chocolate items are not permitted unless they have a biscuit base. There are lots of ideas available on our website link under school information and clicking on food and drink and scrolling to packed lunches.

### PE

Last week, several children did not have their PE kits in school. PE is an important part of our curriculum and kits should be in school everyday. During the winter children are also asked to bring a tracksuit or separate jogging bottoms and top to keep them warm, if doing PE outside. Thank you for your support with this.

### Schools Lottery

The Friends started the schools lottery in November and we are currently on track to make £1060 after 12 months, if people continue to play. Our target was set at 60 tickets a week and we currently have 51 so please do spread the word and have a go. We will shortly be sending an email to ask you to decide what this money should be spent on.

Winners so far are:

Mrs O, Mrs C, Mrs H, Mrs C, Mrs C, Mr S, Mrs C, Mr N, Mrs H, Mrs S, Mr W, Mr D

To register please go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fawbert-and-barnards-primary>