



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

Welcome of our latest newsletter. We hope you enjoyed your half-term break.



We have had a fantastic response today for World Book Day with the children and staff enjoying the various activities that took place. Thank you to everyone.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Attendance

We have celebrated the following class attendance achievements:

Week ending	Winning class
14 February 2020	Year 4 (98.33%)
28 February 2020	Year 4 (99%)

Moore won the House attendance for the last half-term achieving 98.41%. They chose to have a non-uniform day as their reward.

Gibberd collected the most House points and celebrated with an extra play break.

Well done to all of you.

Pancake Race

We held our annual pancake race on Tuesday 25 February 2020. Relays were run between Fawbert & Barnard and Gibberd & Moore with each winning team then running again. Each team had a boy and girl house member from each class and were required to toss the pancake 3 times at the half-way mark. There was some superb pancake tossing along the way and great runners. Moore were the overall winners.

Staff also took part in a relay with all four houses competing against each other at the same time. To make it more challenging, we did this backwards and needed to toss the pancake 5 times at the half-way mark. This was a very competitive event and suffered a couple of staff injuries so the race was voided. Both members of staff are OK and have recovered.

Values

Our Value for March is Hope. We can show Hope by:

- ◆ Being positive about the future
- ◆ Setting goals for ourselves and planning steps to reach them
- ◆ Trying new things

6 March 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

9 March 2020
Sports Relief Week
(Events all week)

10 March 2020
Y4 Trip (all day)

11 March 2020
Shakespeare workshops
throughout the school (all day)

12 March 2020
Y6 Crucial Crew workshop (12:00)

13 March 2020
Mother's day gift sale
(9:00-11:00)
Non-uniform day for
Sports Relief

24 March 2020
Dotty Day

30 March 2020
Teacher/parent consultations (all classes 15:30-17:30)

1 April 2020
Y2 homework sharing
morning (in class 8:45-9:15)

2 April 2020
Teacher/parent consultations (all classes 15:30-17:30 & 18:20-19:30)

3 April 2020
Pupils finish school at
13:30

6-17 April 2020
Easter Holiday

20 April 2020
Pupils' return to school

1 May 2020
Class photographs

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

8 December 2020
Whole school pantomime
(12:45-16:30 approx.)

(Continued on page 2)

Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Catherine Reeve at the end of this term. She will be leaving our school, but will still be part of the Academy by joining Harlowbury to teach within their Speech and Language Unit. We would like to thank her for all her contributions to the school and pupils over the past three and half years and wish her well for the future.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sports Relief



Our School Council have organised activities taking place during the whole week (beginning 9th March) to raise funds for Sports Relief. We will be dancing every day of the week in class using Just Dance! See the link below to make your contributions - the office and teachers will not be taking any money. On Friday 13 March 2020 there will be a non-uniform day. Our just giving page can be found by clicking this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sport-relief2021>

Our catering staff will be offering Sports Relief cupcakes as part of the dinner choice on Friday 13 March 2020. All orders can be made at morning registration as normal.

Mother's Day gift sale

The Friends will be providing an opportunity for pupils to purchase a gift for Mother's Day on Friday 13 March 2020 during the morning. If you would like your child to take part, please send them in with some money. There are a variety of gifts available ranging from £2.00-£10.00. The children enjoy purchasing their surprises and we hope you enjoy them.

Dotty Day

Our House captains are busy preparing activities to celebrate Dotty Day on 24 March 2020. This will be a fundraising event for The Childhood Eye Cancer Trust. Look out for more details issuing soon.

Teacher/Parent Consultations

Teacher/Parent consultations will be taking place on 30 March 2020 between 15:30 and 17:30 and again on 2 April 2020 between 15:30-17:30 & 18:20-19:30 for all classes. Appointments will be held in classrooms and scheduled for 10 minutes per child. There will be an opportunity to view your child's work books either before or after the consultation. Sessions will be available to book through our parentmail system nearer the time. We would encourage you to bring your child along so they are part of the consultation to discuss their learning journey. Please could you respect parents privacy during these sessions and wait until the teacher is available for your time slot.

EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

We will be hosting our Easter Bonnet Parade for EYFS and KS1 pupils on Thursday 2 April 2020 from 2:45 pm. Children should make a hat/bonnet for this and bring it into school on the day.

Parents/families are welcome to come and watch the parade from 2:45 pm in our meadow playground. Should it be raining, we will be using our school hall. Prizes will be allocated to the best boy and girl in each class which have been kindly donated through the Friends parent funding.

Pantomime 2020

Following the parent coffee morning and listening to your suggestions for our 2020 pantomime, we have decided to try a new venue, slightly closer to the school to help with costings and timings. This year we will be attending The Rhodes Theatre at Bishop's Stortford for their performance of Aladdin on 8 December 2020 starting at 1:30 pm. Approximate cost is £13 per child, but if the Friends are unable to fund the provision of coaches then this could rise.

(Continued on page 3)

REMINDERS

Music Tuition

As of 1 April 2020, those children who receive pupil premium funding will be entitled to a £52 voucher towards the cost of music tuition for those tutors who are not part of Essex Music Services. To register your interest and join our waiting lists, or receive more details please contact the office.

Reading Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to come in and listen to the children read on a regular basis. If you could give an hour or more during the week we would love to hear from you. Training will be provided and you will be allocated a set class (ideally not your child's class). You will be required to carry out a DBS check if not already completed.

Volunteers Website page

We have set up a page on our website for those volunteers who have completed our DBS checks. This can be found by clicking on the "school information" tab and then following "Home/School Partnership" and selecting "Volunteer Assistance Required". We will be posting events in advance where help is required with an alert sent to you, provided you have downloaded the school website app. Please get in touch with the office if you are able to help us.

School Closure due to weather conditions

We would like to remind you of our procedures should we need to close the school for any reason. We have the safety of our staff and pupils at the forefront when taking this decision and would do this reluctantly. The following are considered:

- Is the site safe?
- Are sufficient staff available?
- Is sufficient heating available?

If we were to close or open later, we would:

- Alert you by e-mail through parentmail as soon as we can (normally by 7:30 am)
- Post a message on our website noticeboard
- Provide you with updates using both of these systems
- Set activities on the class pages for the children

If we have snow, the above procedures would take place and unless we have notified you, it can be assumed we are open as usual.

Corona Virus

We issued a letter on 27 February 2020 providing guidance of what to do following concerns regarding the corona virus. Any planned trips are going ahead if the destination venue can assure us PHE guidance is being followed and individual classes will be notified if this changes. Please note we are in constant dialogue with Public Health England, through Essex County Council, regarding this matter and will provide further updates if the advice changes.

The DfE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about the virus related to education. Parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 688

E-mail: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (Monday—Friday)