



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

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Welcome of our last newsletter for this academic year.

We would like to thank you all for your support during these exceptional times and are overwhelmed by your generosity of gifts. Thank you all so much.

As we come to the end of a very different summer term and year, I would like to say that although times have been hard, I feel as a community we have come together more. Please accept my thanks on behalf of the school for all your support, you have done an amazing job with home learning and seeing the children as they return for learning and transition bubbles, has been great. We don't know what the future holds for us all, but together we can move forwards and met any challenges that come our way. Have a safe summer and I look forward to seeing all the pupils back on 7th September.

Virtual Sports Day

Well done to you all for taking part in our virtual sports day. Our results were:

Position	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
1st	Barnard	Moore
2nd	Moore	Gibberd
3rd	Gibberd	Fawbert
4th	Fawbert	Barnard

When we join the whole school together, the overall results are:

1st	Moore
2nd	Gibberd
3rd	Barnard
4th	Fawbert

Fantastic effort from everybody.

Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jo Filmer at the end of this term. Due to a restructure of office staff across the Academy, Jo will now be working as a Business Manager for all three schools and operate from the Tany's Dell site.

We would like to thank her for her time spent at Fawbert and Barnard's and wish her well in her new adventures.

Summer Reading Challenges

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020, which is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, is Silly Squad. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all different kinds of funny books! By reading or sharing books and rating and reviewing them on the new Summer Reading Challenge website children will unlock digital rewards, activities and videos. See the attached poster with more information on how to join in.

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Schoolreaders Book Review competition

Have a go at the summer holiday book review competition which is open to all primary school children. It was launched last week and is running until the 30th September.

It encourages children to read a book over the summer and submit their book review for a chance to win books for themselves and the school kindly provided by Scholastic UK. The winner's school will also get a video call for the whole class with children's author M G Leonard. More information can be found by clicking on this [link](#).

Claiming for Free School Meals

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes 5 mins and in most cases you will be told straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

Click [here](#) to see if you are eligible. Please note that applications should be made through this link and not Essex County Council.

Children in EYFS/KS1 will be entitled to a free school meal under the universal meal scheme. If you receive any of the above you can also make a claim so the schools receives extra funding known as pupil premium.

Volunteers

We will be seeking volunteers from September to help us with our curriculum recovery. If you have time to spare and could come in to hear children read in particular, please let us know your availability and we can allocate you to a class. We will ensure that social distancing is applied. E-mail your details to admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk

Return to school

Children will be returning to school on Monday 7 September 2020. A separate letter will be issued with all the information you need for their return. Please keep a check on our website just in case there are any changes over the summer break.

Support for Wellbeing

We will be inviting those children whose parents said they were anxious about returning to school, in on Friday 4 September 2020 for a short tour of the school. If anyone else who have not been in school since 20 March and is feeling worried, please contact the school office by 24 July to be included in this event.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer break.