



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

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Welcome back to school, it was lovely to see everyone back, looking so smart in their new uniform. We would also like to welcome our new members of staff and families to Fawbert & Barnard's and hope you enjoy your time with us.

Over the next few weeks the whole school will be working on a super heroes topic to explore what super heroes are and how they have been one during lockdown. Teachers will be finding out where your child's learning is currently at.

Volunteers

We have a number of you who have already been inducted as volunteers and would love to have you in school hearing readers. If you are able to give some regular time, please contact the office on admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk to advise what availability you have. You would be linked with one class only (not one your child is in) and would need to follow our social distancing rules. At the present time we are unable to process new volunteers, but we can put you on our interest list for when things change.

Chill Out

Chillout are open and are taking F & B pupils for both breakfast and afterschool provision. At the moment they are using their other site, but if numbers grow they will return to F & B. If you need before or afterschool care then please do contact Tracey on 07759 882887.

Clubs

We are working on trying to provide a club for each class, Year 1 upwards. This year due to our class bubbles we will offer each class a selection of clubs and they will be able to vote for their choice. The winning club will then be offered to that class. We are unable to offer clubs which different year groups attend but hope that this will offer at least one club to everyone. Clubs will commence in October.

Music lessons

We hope to start music lessons soon and are looking at how these can be arranged. Individual letters will be sent to those who were having lessons before to see if they want to resume.

Meet the teacher events

Unfortunately our Teachers are unable to meet you for "meet the teacher events" so these will be delivered through seesaw and will be available to view by Friday 18 September for Year 1 – 6 and by Friday 25 September for EYFS through Tapestry.

ECFWS Bulletin

The monthly Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service bulletin is now available on our website. This can be found under our "[Health, Care and Wellbeing](#)" tab. Every month they will be providing information and resources that can improve health and wellbeing for all. Their campaigns are interactive with real-life practical learning examples, including web links to resources that can be used at home.

School Dinners

Our new system of pre-ordering is working well. Our rolling two week menu will be circulated shortly for you to pre-order dinners for weeks commencing 21 and 28 September 2020 using our Parent-mail system and completing the form issued. All children should be ordered for accordingly regard-

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less if they are free school meals or universal free school meals and there is a sandwiches from home option provided. This will ensure that your child is provided with their choice of dinner on the given day. Once your meal has been ordered and the system closed, we are unable to make changes as our catering numbers are ordered accordingly and this incurs additional admin time, so please order by the closing time. Any changes to sandwiches on the day will be charged for accordingly.

The parentmail system enables you to check your submissions by checking the form, if you are not sure what was ordered.

Class e-mails

Just to remind you that class e-mails have been set up for you to communicate messages directly to the classteachers. If someone else is collecting your child from school you can notify them in advance through these e-mails. On the day emergencies should be telephoned to the office.

Medical Appointments

We ask for medical appointments to be made outside of school hours where possible. We understand that visits to hospital fall outside this, therefore we would require snap shot/scan of your appointment letter to be sent to the admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk e-mail to be recorded appropriately for our attendance.

Leave of absence during term time

Any leave of absence during term time should be requested in advance by e-mailing the school. Two weeks notice is required. Applications are viewed on a case by case basis. Please see our [policy](#) for further information.

Thank You

Thank you to all of you who contributed to our lovely gifts at the end of term. The staff have decided to buy a coffee machine for the staffroom and put the other money towards a social event—when we can attend, such an event.

Poster Competition

We are very pleased to announce [a poster competition being run by the Transport Planning Society and the charity Living Streets for all KS1 and KS2 schools](#). They want to see your entries which show **the environmentally friendly ways to travel to and from school**, and are offering a prize for both the winning pupil and their school.

I've no doubt the young people of Essex can show their creativity, and produce posters just as good or even better than elsewhere. Our new school lives could get us thinking a bit outside the box.

The deadline for entries is **Monday 5th October**, and [the method of submitting posters is found here](#).

