



# Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

### Weekly Achievements

#### Attendance

We have celebrated the following attendance winners:

Week ending	Overall attendance	Best Class
20 November 2020	100%	Years 1 & 3
13 November 2020	99.66%	Year 6
6 November 2020	99.37%	Year 3

#### TT Rockstars / Numbots

Our weekly winners have been:

Week ending:	Class TT Rockstars	Individual TT Rockstar	Class Numbots	Individual Numbots
20 November 2020	Year 5	Charlie, Y5	Year 2	Lottie Y2
13 November 2020	Year 3	Ted, Y5	Year 1	Max, Y1
6 November 2020	Year 5	Lucas, Y3	Year 2	Grace, Y2

### Update on Events Held

#### Remembrance



We held a virtual assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Children had made wreaths during the week that were laid in our quiet area of our main playground. Donations were made directly to The Royal British Legion.

We ended with a two minutes silence.

#### Children In Need

Our School Council organised a very successful Children in Need "Five to Thrive" event on Friday 13 November 2020 and exceeded their set target of £350.

They held a non-uniform day on the theme of rainbows/bright colours and were sponsored for their daily mile activity.

A great day was had by all. Well done on raising a fantastic £557.46 total and we thank everyone for their support with this event.



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### **Friends Balloon Race**

The winners of the balloon race were:

#1 Max Adams: travelled 1,438.27km

#2 Balloon: travelled 1,402.64km

Balloon #1 named Max Adams was owned by Jennifer Adams and Balloon #2 was owned by Lynn Curtis.

The Top 20 balloons can be found here: <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/825> They raised an amazing £230.76 after the commission charges. Thank you all so much for your support.

### **Friends Christmas Card**

Thank you all for supporting this event. The Friends were really impressed with all the drawings and the exceptional effort made all around. They have therefore decided that the following children should be commended and will receive a small gift:

Reception: Gracie

Year 1: Sophie

Year 2: Nicole

Year 3; Charlie

Year 4: Freya

Year 5: George

Year 6: Charlie

Our order has been received and distributed into classes to bring home.

### **Christmas Tree**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Wainwright to their kind donation of a Christmas tree which is displayed in our main playground. We will shortly be decorating this.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **Christmas Arrangements**

We have planned the following Christmas events:

#### **Panto**

As announced last week we have arranged a pantomime to visit the school. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions the company are now unable to attend. However, they will be sending us a link that has been recorded in a theatre which will be shown to the children. Staff at F&B will still make this a special virtual event for all and will keep to our original plan as this will be shown in the hall rather than classrooms, along with a few additional surprises.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 17 December. Children will be able to wear their jumper instead of their school uniform tops, all other uniform items remain the same. On this day we will also hold our class parties during the afternoon. We will not be asking parents to send food in this year for these. Further details to follow. Children are also able to wear their Christmas jumper on their Christmas dinner day.

#### **Christingle Service**

This year we will be holding our Christingle Service via Zoom within school. Children are encouraged to make their Christingle oranges at home this year.

#### **Christmas Cards**

This year children will be unable to bring in Christmas cards to circulate to friends. We are unable to put our post box out for this purpose and would need to track when these are brought in, to ensure quarantined before passing on. We will therefore be incorporating this into our craft house session

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and they can write a class message on one of their designs. Alternatively, you could support Eco Essex who are campaigning for schools in Essex to take part in the Eco Essex Christmas Pledge for 2020.

The pledge seeks that from this year onwards schools will suggest an alternative policy for Christmas card giving, with a significantly lower carbon footprint than each child giving cards to each of their friends. We do appreciate that card giving is a fun part of Christmas so we have come up with some alternative suggestions. Please see enclosed '[Information Sheet](#)'.

### End of Term

We will be finishing school at 1:00 pm on Friday 18 December 2020. This will be a staggered collection time of:

12:50-1:05—Years 2, 4 & 6

12:55-1:10—Years EYFS, 1, 3 & 5

12:55-1:05—Siblings collection

### The Big Christmas Read

Before our lockdown in March we had scheduled a Dotty Day which was fundraising to support a visually impaired charity. Unfortunately this event was cancelled. Please see the information below of another event in aid of this which you may like to support:

Living Paintings, a charity that provides books at home and topic books in school for visually impaired children, are running something called "The Big Christmas Read" The details can be found here: <https://livingpaintings.org/support-us/the-big-christmas-read>

This is open to sighted children as well as visually impaired. The children have to make a reading pledge, so one book a week, ten books by Christmas, it can be anything. Then get sponsors.

You can either join by setting up your own link or use the justgiving link that has been set up by the parent at our school: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jacobs-big-read>

Good Luck to you all.

## **REMINDERS**

### Lunch Boxes

We would be very grateful if you could remove the wax wrapper from babybel cheeses when sending these in lunchboxes as they are damaging our hall floor.

Please continue to promote independence by showing your child how to open their wrappers and yoghurts.

### Friends Virtual Raffle

The Friends are running a virtual Christmas raffle with a range of fantastic prizes which have all been donated via parents/local companies. Tickets are available through our Parentmail system until 9:00 am on Wednesday 9 December 2020. The draw will take place on Friday 11 December. Please see their [letter](#) for further details.

### Drop off / Collection

Please wear your masks to drop off and collect pupils and follow the one-way system to ensure we all stay safe.

Guidance advises children do not need to wear masks in school. Children arriving at school will be asked to remove their mask and put it in a plastic bag until the end of the day.

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### Vacancy for a Cleaner

We currently have a vacancy for a Cleaner to join our in-house premises team. If you are self-motivated and have an interest in keeping things spick and span we would be delighted to hear from you.

Hours: 3:30-5:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Pay: Scale 1, Spine 1 including outer fringe (£9.57 per hour)

48.3 paid weeks

Closing date: Midday, Monday 30 November 2020

For more information call or see the office staff to collect an application form

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Early Years and Childcare Strategy Parents Survey**

Essex County Council are developing a new Early Years and Childcare Strategy for Essex 2021 – 2026 and are seeking the views of parents of children and young people living in Essex. They want to hear from parents whether they use formal childcare or not. The survey closes on Tuesday 24 November 2020. The link to the survey is: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/childcare2020/>

### **Vision Zero**

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) is launching Vision Zero. Vision Zero is an ambition to have ZERO road deaths and serious injuries on roads in the Essex, Southend and Thurrock council areas by 2040.

They want to share this important information with all schools in Essex. Click [here](#) for their press release

### Fire Safety at Christmas

With the festive season fast approaching and decorations beginning to be put up, please see the following link for some fire safety tips to keep you all safe:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/news/2019-news/november/have-yourself-a-fire-free-merry-christmas/>

### Dates for your diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
4 December 2020	In house pantomime—Sandwiches required (unless pre-ordered for KS1 & FSM children) as no school dinners available
9 December 2020	Christmas dinner for EYFS/Years 1 & 2—Sandwiches required for those not having school dinner and other classes. Christmas jumper can be worn by EYFS/Year 1 & Year 2 children
16 December 2020	Christmas dinner for Years 3-6—Sandwiches required for those not having school dinner and other classes. Christmas jumper can be worn by Y3-6 children
17 December 2020	Christmas jumper day and afternoon class parties
18 December 2020	Christingle Service via Zoom School finishes at 1:00 pm—see staggered collection times above
4 & 5 January 2021	INSET Days—School closed to pupils
6 January 2021	Pupils return to school