



Weekly Newsletter

May 25th 2018



OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS FRIENDSHIP

A big thanks to Stephen Sapsed for preparing the children for their wonderful dancing this morning. The modern take on the maypole was brilliantly executed by the children and despite the questionable weather, everyone enjoyed the event very much. Thank you all for coming along to support us.

Our year 4 children had a very educational trip to France! We took in all the sights of Lille, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame in Paris. They practised their French and asked for baguettes in a Lille boulangerie. They mixed very well with the year 6 pupils from Essex Primary. This was another opportunity to prepare them for their transition to middle school next year.

Please can you return the GDPR consent letter as soon as possible. A reminder too that we are unable to permit photography/filming at events such as this morning's. We will always however provide you with an opportunity to take a photo of your child at every event.

Our new uniforms from September will be **PURPLE**! Purple claimed over 60% of the votes in both schools with dark green coming second and the emerald green in third place. We will ask MACPAC to produce new uniforms in time for September featuring our new logo which was designed based on the children's ideas and hope to show you this very soon.

We all hope you have a brilliant half term and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday June 5th.

Sharon Brown



Owl class began the week by making our "under the sea" themed head bands in preparation for our maypole dance. We have been working really hard to learn both dances. Well done to Jack and Alec for getting 5 house points each from Mr Sapsed for excellence dancing. After half term, Owl class's topic will be based around "under the sea" and "pirates". If anyone has any dressing up clothes, boats or fabrics related to our theme we would really appreciate them

Robin Class have been busy exploring the Jewish faith this week. We have learnt about the synagogue and the importance of the Torah. We researched the festival of Purim and make gregors to shake.

Our Maths has been all about the size of numbers and recording number sentences using the greater than and less than symbols.

Mrs Wallace.



This week Hedgehogs class have impressed us with their story writing of the Very Hungry Caterpillar. They all tried hard to use their phonics to sound out the words and keep their writing neat for their little books. We look forward to sharing these with you when they are complete.

The children enjoyed making their 'under the sea' headbands that they will wear at the maypole festival. We will have some lovely dancing crabs and sharks!

Please continue to read with your child and for Reception, children please also practise the words and sounds in your child's word box. We hope you have a great half term!

Mrs Gould and Mrs Weston

Fobbs

Big thank you to Fobbs

For their contribution to the school visit last week- this enabled us to take the children up the Eiffel Tower in Paris #making memories.

All the children benefit from Fobbs fundraising at some point in their school time.

Your support is very much appreciated.

REMINDERS

Please parents with children that bring grapes in for packed lunch make sure they cut them in to quarters, this is a new safety initiative, as children have been known to choke even when they are cut length ways.

Please remember sun tan lotions before you come to school and a hat is very important.

Please make sure all belongings are named.

PE kits should be in school every day.

Please try to read with your child every day.

Please remember a water bottle every day.

We always welcome parents/grandparents coming in to hear children read. Please contact Mrs Harris or Mrs Rush.



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Congratulations to all the year 2's who have been working very hard indeed on their sat papers. We have been working on making our propagators and cannot wait to see how much the seeds have grown by the time we get back from half term.



What do you get if you have a class of year 3 & 4 children, paper, water and glue? A total mess!

Over the next few weeks, each Barkley child will be making a large, hopefully accurate, model of the Earth which they will then get to keep when they leave school.

I would like to congratulate my class for an excellent Maypole performance! They all thoroughly enjoyed tangling and untangling the ribbons, under the expert guidance of Mr Sapsed, like professionals.

Mr Davies



Dates

28th- 1st June – Half term

4th June – Inset days no pupils

5th June – Yoga starts at Barley- lunch time

6th June – Yoga starts at Barkway - lunch time

8th June – Ofsted celebrations- Barkway school parents and guest 2pm

11th June – swimming starts- R-y4

20th June- Father's day at both schools- please let us know if your child will be represented.

7th July – Barkway Fete

11th July - Sports Day

13th July Performing art at Meridian Year 3

14th July B in the park – save the date

16th July- Reserve Sports Day

17th July Olympian visit

18th July – Leavers service at Barkway church 9.15am

Concert at Barley 6.30pm



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SPORT NEWS

Thank you very much to the parents who have completed their online PE survey. If you have not done so yet, please follow the link below to begin the short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K7WG8YG>

A reminder that after half term (starting on Monday afternoon on 11th June) swimming will recommence until the end of the year for Year Reception thought to Year 4.

For Barkleys and Squirrels class your lunchtime yoga club will begin in our first week back (PE kits are fine for this). We hope that this is something the children will really enjoy and further children will enjoy too as they move up the school in future.

Hope you all have a lovely half term.

Thank you!

Naomi Gould



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NEWSSELLS

We walked up to Newsells in the cloud this morning and walked back in brilliant sunshine! It was quite wet owing to the rain last night and we were all grateful for our waterproof trousers and wellies. The Barkley's were continuing mapping today and saw a big improvement from their work last week, Mr Davies' word of the week was progress. Years 1 and 2 made some great pictures of trees using natural materials and also tried to build as long a path as they could through the site. They then had to walk along their path and made Mrs Wallace walk along it who was able to show her balancing skills. We are really enjoying identifying different things around the site and our best identification of the day was a Red-headed cardinal beetle.

Mrs West

SWIMMING

Swimming starts on 11th June for children in reception to Year 4

Please can you make sure everything is named. Please could the girls not wear tights as these are very difficult to get back on! Thanks

We need the permission consent via school comms to be completed. There is a contribution of £10.60 in total. Swimming lessons are heavily subsidised from the Sport Premium. See previous email



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