



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 6th June 2020

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Introducing **Hootie** and **Barney** who have been helping me get the school ready for all the children. There will be more from them both in next week's newsletter!



I hope that you are all safe and well. It has been an extremely busy week in school. Monday to Wednesday, the staff were working incredibly hard preparing rooms and planning for the Reception return on Thursday. In addition to this, other staff were preparing for the Year 1 children returning on Monday 8th. Today you will have received a separate letter from me outlining the home learning provision that will be continuing for those children not yet returning to school and how our school is functioning during this next phase.

Thursday morning saw 43 of our reception year group return to the school. It was lovely to see everyone arriving with smiles ready to return to school. Personally, it was wonderful to have the school full again with children after so long having only certain zones open. It has been a fantastic start back for those that have returned this week and parents/carers should be very proud of the 'I can' attitude the children have

shown. We look forward to welcoming back the Year 1 children that have signed up for Monday. We appreciate that not all parents/carers are ready to send their child/ren back just yet, but when the time comes, please email the class account to tell us of your intentions.

The school looks very different at the moment – a nice different, but different! There has been lots of hard work from the staff to make the school as inviting as possible within the government guidance and I would like to use this as an opportunity to thank them all for their hard work. Lots of small touches have been added to make the school welcoming, such as these beautiful pictures drawn by Mrs Rodgers during lockdown. They have been added to the Owl's Nest:



Over the last few weeks, stones have been added to the front gate area by one of our reception children. They made me smile so much that I added them to our Twitter account. One of our CLP Trust schools, The Tyrrells Primary School challenged us and suggested 'see how many you can collect'. I thought this was a brilliant idea and I wondered if you, as the BFIS community, would like to get involved? Why not paint a stone and add it to our wall during one of your social distancing walks? Let us see how many we can collect on the front wall to make us all smile and keep a sense of togetherness – whether we are at home learning or in school.



Next week, we will start the keeping in touch emails for those at home once more. As always, if you have any questions/worries/problems, please contact us on the well-being phone number between 7am and 5pm - Monday to Friday:

07850 903896.

Take care,
Mrs Farmer



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