



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 19th June 2020

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that today's newsletter finds you all safe and well. There has been lots happening in school and at home this week and I have really enjoyed seeing work popping up around the school and new displays being created. The theme in Year 1 this week in school is pirates and there have been many adventures in each of the bubbles!

We have been experiencing some computing difficulties over the last week in school – I think the Barnes Farm fairies have been a bit mischievous! Mrs Robinson has collated all the home learning photographs and the 'returning to school' pictures but has been unable to upload them to this week's newsletter. We are hoping to send them next week when her laptop is behaving once more!

Home Learning

We are keen to hear from those parents/carers that have children working at home. This will be all of Year 2 and those children that have not yet returned to their year group provision in Year 1 and Reception. The below link to a Microsoft FORM survey will allow you to give feedback to the school about your experiences with the home learning provided. This is **ONLY** for those parents/carers with children at BFIS learning at home. Thank you in advance for your time.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtIQndrnDdjNvRMvIYB6kGPA-IUNks5UFVRT05SToMoREgyVUNJMDVHUFQ2Mi4u>

COVID-19 Protective Measures Working with BFIS Families

Social Distancing and the One-Way System

The children have adapted to the new measures that are in place at school beautifully since returning on June 1st. They have been super sensible in the classrooms and during free play times and there have been no grumbles about not being able to venture through other play bubbles. They are a credit to you all.

I would like to ask your support at the beginning and end of the day to keep the good practices that we have in place to remain until there is a time when they are no longer needed. At the beginning and end of the day, please can we ask that you arrive at your staggered start and end time and not before. By arriving early, we have greater groups accessing gates and waiting on the premises.

The one-way system in school is there to minimise the amount of potential contact each family/child will have with another. In the mornings, access to the site is via the field gate and exit via the red Reception

gate. In the afternoon the system works in the opposite way – in through the red Reception gate and exit only through the bottom field gate. Thank you for your support with this.

Precautionary Advice

Outlined below is the process the school will take if a child has COVID-19 symptoms:

- Parent/carer notifies the school as soon as possible if their child is unwell.
- If the child shows any of the COVID-19 symptoms, the school will advise the parent/carer to book the NHS 111 COVID-19 test. The school would suggest that an appointment with a walk-through/drive-through site is the best option as this is normally on the same day, whereas the postal option needs to consider postal delivery and return times too.
- A precautionary letter will be sent to the remainder of the bubble advising that a member of the group is unwell and we will inform the bubble of the next steps once the test results are through. The school will not name the unwell child in any communication, this letter is purely to keep others informed and allows parents/carers to be vigilant. There is no need to shut the bubble unless a negative return on a COVID-19 test is recorded.
- Once the parent/carer of the unwell pupil receives the test result, they will be asked to inform the school immediately by phone or email. The school will ask to see a copy of the test result. If the results are negative, the class will be informed and the child will return to the bubble when they are well enough to do so. If the results show a positive return, the school will need to close the bubble and all within that bubble would be asked to self-isolate. If this was the case, a letter would also be sent to this group outlining the next steps and actions that needed to be taken.

Of course, I hope that no one becomes ill, however, it is best that you are aware of the processes in school so that if your child or another child is unwell in the class bubble, you are clear of what the next steps are.

Scarves

Our new PSHE scheme - SCARF - is underway in school. Mrs Robinson is keen to help Harold the Giraffe with his scarf and she is still looking for more volunteers to help knit/crochet sections of scarf! Do not forget, if you are willing to help knit/crochet some scarves, please contact Mrs Robinson: senco@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk

Keeping in Regular Contact Email

Thank you to all those parents and carers with children learning at home that have responded already this week to the class email account. If you have not already done so, please can you email your class email account to let us know how you and your family are doing. We will continue to keep weekly contact with every family that still has a child/ren working at home.

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





Celebration Awards

Reception

Blue Badger
Red Badger
Orange Fox
Yellow Fox
Green Rabbit
Purple Rabbit

James
Abigail
Lucca
George
Elyia
Louie

Year 1

Blue Hedgehog
Red Hedgehog
Orange Otter
Yellow Otter
Green Squirrel
Purple Squirrel

Lucy
Gracie
Sophie R
Ada
Sophia V
Evan

Year 2

Tawny Owl
Snowy Owl
Barn Owl

Maisie B
Finley
Holly

Barnes Farm Infants Governing Body

Heidi Hards - Chair of Governors - Parent Governor
Rebecca Pascoe-Youell - Vice Chair of Governors - Community Governor
Susannah Wookey- Community Governor
Mrs Z. Farmer - Head teacher
Mrs K. Robinson – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor
Elizabeth Keeley - Community Governor
Yvonne Spence – Community Governor
Katie Corbett – Parent Governor