



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 13.11.2020

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today's virtual assembly was the highlight of this week for me. The focus of the school certificates this week was the Owl Code: Be kind and gentle. It was a pleasure to tell all the children why they had been awarded and we noticed that most of the certificates had the word '**always**' on them. For example, for **always** being a good friend. Although assemblies now are different, we are enjoying coming together virtually and continuing to share and celebrate together.



Read more about marking Remembrance Day at BFIS in Mrs Merrick's report below.

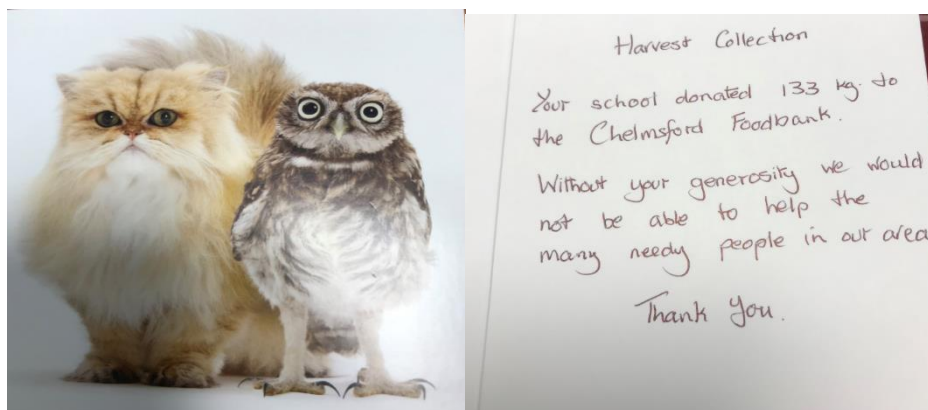
Children in Need – Friday 13th November

The children looked wonderful today and had lots of fun today celebrating 'Children in Need'. It was so lovely to see lots of spots and ears. Thank you for your support from home – making the day memorable for the children but also donating to the charity. Donations can still be made via our ParentPay and the school donations will be transferred to the Children in Need Charity.

Play Equipment in the School Grounds

A polite reminder to all parents/carers that the play equipment is out of bounds at the beginning and end of the day. This has always been the case at BFIS but with all the new changes, this has been lost in communication. Thank you for your support.

Harvest – Foodbank Collection



Through your kind donations, we supported the Chelmsford Foodbank this year for our Harvest Festival. Your generosity is very much appreciated by many local people who are finding themselves in difficult times. See above a copy of the ‘thank you’.

Admissions for Reception Year for Academic Year Starting September 2021

The primary school (Reception) admission round opens on **9 November 2020**, for parents/carers to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2021.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2021**.

From 9 November 2020, **applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions**.

The application and admissions information is available on the website above.

Year 2 parents/carers, you will also need to apply for your child’s junior school place. This is not automatically completed. Please find the information by clicking on:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-junior-school-place>

Take care and stay safe,
Mrs Farmer



Forest Schools Starting for Year 2



We are delighted to announce that our BFIS Forest School sessions will start for **Year 2** on **Monday 16th November 2020**. The sessions will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays for 4 weeks with the last session for Year 2 being Tuesday 8th December 2020. A letter with arrangements has been sent out separately but please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe week



We are having our NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly next week. The Speak Out, Stay Safe campaign is very much part of our school ethos and will give the children the skills they need to be confident in new or difficult situations. We have sent home information regarding the content of the assembly and the lessons that will follow. Parent/Carers might like to visit: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets> for further information or if you have a specific question, please call the BFIS Wellbeing phone on 07850 903896.

SEN One Plan Meetings – Mrs Robinson

Thank you so much to those parent/carers for attending the scheduled meetings this week. It was lovely to meet you all and we were very grateful for the positive feedback received. For those of you who have not yet met with us this term, Mrs Robinson will be in touch soon to arrange your meeting with you.

Reading Competition – Mrs Merrick

It is time for the new reading competition! The reading competition this term is... 'We read too, can you guess who?' As reading is a really important skill it is something that we all do no matter how old we are. Whether it is learning new interesting facts about our favourite things, getting our teeth into our favourite story or finding out how to do a new skill – we never stop reading! So, lots of members of BFIS have disguised themselves behind a book which may contain a clue to who they are, all you need to do is guess who it is behind the book. The reading competition will be **launched on Tuesday 17th November** and will **close Friday 4th December**. Please email your answers to admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk. Happy guessing!

Curriculum – Mrs Merrick

To pay tribute to Remembrance Day this year, we had a special assembly from Mrs Bentham who told us all about this special day, Year 1 created poppy wreaths as we had talked about the significance of this flower at this time of year as well as the whole school showing their respect with a moment of silence at 11am on Wednesday.



Christmas at BFIS

As we said in our last newsletter, we have lots of exciting plans to make Christmas extra special for everyone in school this year. We would very much like to have two big outdoor Christmas trees at the main entrance points to the school. If anyone can help with this, please contact the school office, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

BFIS Film

We are so please to share with you all our school's short film. Permission has been given by all parents/carers for this film to be shared for promoting the school and therefore, please feel free to share this link with family and friends. Please click on the below link to view on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb7gvEmbSb8> **Clubs**

Follow us on Twitter?

If you have a Twitter account, why not follow our school ...

@FarmBarnes

This is a platform for the school to share news and successes. General communication with parents and carers regarding school arrangements will be through letters and regular Newsletters home.

Attendance for the Year

Our target for the year is **97%**. It is important that your child is in school for their allocated stagger time each day. By being in on time, the children will be ready for a prompt start to their learning. Children arriving after registration will be recorded as late.

If you are removing your child from school for any reason other than absence due to illness an **'Application for Leave of Absence from School During Term Time'** form will need to be completed and sent to the office.

Reporting Sickness Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please can you **telephone** the school office rather than email.



Celebration Awards

Reception

Badger
Fox
Rabbit

Jackson
Darcey
Harlem

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Ellie
Jake
Jensen

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Kaden
Joseph
Kimberley

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 - Headteacher

Mrs K. Robinson – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor
Elizabeth Keeley - Community Governor
Yvonne Spence – Community Governor
Katie Corbett – Parent Governor

Diary of Events

NON-PUPIL DAYS

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2

Monday 16th November	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week	
Monday 16th November	Forest Schools	Year 2 Only – Every Monday and Tuesday until the end of Term
Monday 23rd November	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service Safety Presentation	Year 2 Only – following on from their topic – Great Fire of London
Wednesday 25th November	No Pens Day	
W/C Monday 7th December	CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES BEGIN BFIS Christmas Funtime	The Whole School
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term	The Whole School

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAY – Friday 18th December 2020 at 3.15pm

XMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 21st December 2020 – Friday 1st January 2021

SPRING TERM 1

Monday 4th January 2021	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	
Tuesday 5th January 2021	Pupils Back	Staggered Timings for Year Groups