

Barnes Farm Infant School



Newsletter



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! We did it!

Another fantastic term, together as a school community we have all pulled together for what seems to have been a very long term. Although there has been much to contend with for us all, I want to tell you all how amazing your children are. It is a pleasure to work at BFIS and this term has reminded me why I love teaching – it's the children! They have been amazing and truly resilient at this time. For those in Year 1 and 2, their BFIS school has been very different from what they know, and they have not batted an eye lid! For our Reception children – well what can I say? They have been fabulous, joining the school, not knowing what to expect but acing their school experience anyway!

I would like to thank the BFIS Team for their continued dedication to the school and their hard work to ensure that each and every child at our school is made to feel welcomed as an individual. I think it is fair to say that this term, we have all been on a new learning journey together and the team's enthusiasm to take on new challenges makes me so proud of what we have here.

Last but not least, thank you all for the support you have shown the school. Once again, we have faced new challenges together but as a school community, we have managed to make school work either virtually or in person.

Christmas Competition Time

Well done to Alfie in Badger Class for designing our virtual Christmas Card.



Reading at Home

Reading at home to and with an adult is so important to children (of all ages). Remember in school, the children all take part in the 'Reading Game'. They are awarded with certificates for reaching key milestones in the game. We ask that you read with your child at least four times a week and log this in their Home/School diary so we can ensure that your child receives their certificate.

I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 5th January** and hearing lots of holiday news. Please keep safe over the holidays. Enjoy the time with your family and I will see you all 2021 which I hope will be a much better year for us all 😊

Have a wonderful holiday everyone,
Mrs Farmer



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

It was wonderful to see so many festive outfits on Wednesday and we all got into the Christmas Spirit with our special Christmas lunch. A special thanks to Mrs Ramkin and the Pabulum Team in our School Kitchen for serving our delicious lunch which the children and staff very much enjoyed.

Christmas Pantomime

Thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising our Christmas Pantomime which BFIS children could enjoy at school or home if they were self-isolating.

Asda Community Champion – Community Christmas Cards

A big thank you to Tracey Branch, the Community Champion at Asda who invited our Year 2 children to make Christmas cards for people living in Care Homes in our Community. Our Year 2 children created some fabulous cards to be sent out and it was lovely to be asked to do something that will hopefully bring a smile to lots of faces at this tricky time.

School Council – Mrs Merrick

A big WELL DONE to our school council members this term – you have done a super job promoting the Healthy School status of the school and encouraging the children in your classes to make the right healthy food choices. You have showed the members of your class how to be safe when using or traveling near roads by making some very creative posters and these are displayed in your classrooms and around school. I would just like to take the time to say THANK YOU – you have made the school very proud with your hard work this term.



Forest Schools - Year 1



It will be Year 1's turn at Forest School in January. Sessions will start on 11th January and Mrs Doggett has lots of exciting things planned and is looking forward to seeing you all. 😊

General Reminders

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.

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>

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.

Christmas at BFIS



This week's special visitor





Celebration Awards

Reception	
Badger	Izzy
Fox	Amelie
Rabbit	Jasper
Year 1	
Hedgehog	Zachary
Squirrel	Elyia
Otter	The Whole Class
Year 2	
Barn Owl	Ada
Snowy Owl	Olly
Tawny Owl	Sophia L

Barnes Farm Infants Governing Body

Heidi Hards - Chair of Governors - Parent Governor
 Rebecca Pascoe-Youell - Vice Chair of Governors - 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
 Miss C. Hook – KS1 Leader and Staff 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

SCHOOL CLOSURES 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