



Barnes Farm Infant School

# Newsletter

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23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

## Message from the Headteacher

There has been much taking place this week – as always. The highlight of the week has been the arrival of the ‘Little Riders’. The children have had great fun as part of PE using the equipment.



## Transition to the Junior School

We are busy in school thinking about transition arrangements for the remainder of the term. For those children transferring to the junior school, they will remain in their current class group in Year 3. Both schools hope that this will support transition to the juniors after a very different school year!

## Parking in the Local Area

Please remember that all parents/carers can park in ASDA’s car park at drop off and pick up times rather than become part of the congestion outside of the school. It would be lovely to see more of our school community taking up this offer.



Proud to be part of the  CLP



### Parent Consultations

We are holding our virtual Parent Consultations week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Information has been sent out regarding the booking process. Do not forget if you have more than one child at the school, you will need to submit the form for each child. Please do not forget to register for a time slot. See link and year group dates and times as follows:

Year 2 – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 3:30 – 5:30 & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April - 5:30 – 7:50

Reception -Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April - 3:30 – 5:30 & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - 5:30 – 7:50

Year 1 - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - 3:30 – 5:30 & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April - 5:30 – 7:50

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtlQsxGTdUs7wNFvLKe-2LGRKZUMjNMOExaQjNZSFFGSlk5SFIWk5LSzVHRi4u>

### Additional Funding Available to Schools

Parents/Carers who are in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to Free School Meals. It is important that parents register their children for free school meals if they are entitled as the school receives additional funding known as the Pupil Premium to support the children's learning. The use of the pupil premium is personalised to meet the needs of the children who are entitled to support. Examples of this are additional LSA support and intervention groups, access to school visits, time with the Family Support and Wellbeing Mentor, speech and language assistants, resources to enhance learning and Counselling.

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children receive Universal Free School Meals, but we are required to identify those children who would have a statutory entitlement to Free School Meals. We will then be able to confirm whether the school is able to claim the Pupil Premium Funding for your child. Today, we have emailed details of how you can check your child's eligibility for Free School Meals. If you think that you are eligible then please send a copy of the certificate that can be printed at the end of the process to [admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk)

In addition to the above, any children that have been classed as previously looked after children are also entitled to additional funding on top of the Pupil Premium Fund. Again, this is to be used by the school to support learning in a variety of ways. If you feel that this applies to your child/ren, please contact the school office and ask for me to call you back. As always, all information shared with the school remains confidential.

Just to say, all families are different, and we all need different types of support at different times. Please do not every feel embarrassed for accessing the above funding. If your child is entitled to



it, it will only ensure that they receive the correct funding at the right time to help their education. We are always happy to help you complete forms if needed.

### Access to the School – Collection and Exit Points

Polite reminder: The ‘red gate’ by the school office is the exit point for both drop off and pick up times. Please help to keep our school community safe at this time.

Stay safe and take care,  
Mrs Z. Farmer



### Celebration Awards



#### Reception

Badger  
Fox  
Rabbit

Oliver  
Christopher  
Sebastian

#### Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

Erin  
Harry  
Samuel



Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Ayat  
Lucy  
Grace

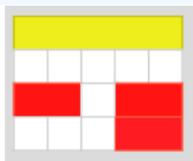
**What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infants**

**Mathematics - Mrs Hanson**

Last week, I set a Tangram challenge. Here are a couple of photographs of this in action!



Why don't you try Cuisenaire counting this week?



[Cuisenaire Counting \(maths.org\)](http://maths.org) Click on the link to get started. Remember to send some photographs to your teachers, so that I can share on this newsletter. Happy investigating!

**Foundation Stage – Mrs Bentham**

**On the Farm!**



This week we have become Farming Experts. We have been asked to help a farmer because he is unsure about how to look after all the animals on his farm! Oh, my goodness, what a big job we have. We have also started to do our handwriting practice sitting at our tables. We feel very grown up in our classes now.

This week's home learning is to find out as much as you can about farm animals and make a video about what you have learnt. Put it on to Tapestry so we can all share your amazing learning at home.

Do not forget to read every night at home. Remember that we are still counting your reads and you will get a certificate if you read a lot! You will be a super reader too!

### Learn a Language – Mrs Gilbey and Mrs Robinson



As part of our Geography curriculum and to celebrate our children who speak an additional language, each term we learn some words and phrases and find out about the countries where the language is most commonly spoken. We do this by learning how to say hello, please and thank you and other simple words and facts during the school day.

These are the languages that each year group will be focusing on this term.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Spanish	Bulgarian	Mandarin

You can find more information on our website on the link below. If your family speak any of these languages, we would love for you to support us and get involved. If you would like to do this, please contact us via the school office either by email [admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk) or telephone 01245 467474.

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=Learn+a+Language&pid=462>





### Attendance for the Year

Our target for the year is **97%**. It is important that your child is in school for their allocated staggered time each day. By being on time, the children will be ready for a prompt start to their learning. Children arriving after registration will be recorded as late. Those arriving after the late cutoff point will be given an unauthorised mark for the session even if they are in school so it is important that your child is in school on time.

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

### Barnes Farm Infant School Local 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  
Miss C. Hook – KS1 Leader and Staff Governor  
Elizabeth Keeley – Community Governor  
Danielle Jukes – Community Governor  
Yvonne Spence – Community Governor  
Katie Corbett – Parent Governor

### Diary of Events

#### Non-Pupil Days/INSET

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021



**Summer Term 1**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	<b>All pupils back</b>	All children return to school (continued staggered times)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	<b>Forest School Starts for Reception</b>	Forest Schools starts for Reception on Monday and Tuesday for 4 weeks (as Bank Holiday is 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, Forest Schools will be held on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May) Last Session 18 <sup>th</sup> May
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Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	<b>School Closed for Local Elections</b>	Only Staff to attend
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	<b>Last Day of Term</b>	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	<b>Non-pupil day (staff only)</b>	Only Staff to attend

**School Closes for May Half Term – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 3.15pm**  
**May Half Term Holiday – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

