



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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21st May 2021

Message from the Headteacher

I have really enjoyed looking at the various pieces of artwork that are appearing around the school this week. There seems to be a flower theme at Barnes with Reception looking at sunflowers and Year 1 press printing flower images. The pieces are beautiful and I am looking forward to them being displayed around the school. Please see Mrs Merrick's item which includes a photograph.

The Big Ask

Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, has launched 'The Big Ask', the largest ever consultation with children undertaken in England.

The survey will be live until the extended deadline of May 28th and asks children across England to set out their priorities for improving childhood post-Covid.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner to identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

We will be explaining to the children in class next week about the survey and will send home a parent/carer information sheet. For younger children in years R and 1 (aged 4-5) there is [a survey which they can complete with their parent](#).

Children and young people can take part in the survey at thebigask.uk

More information will be sent home next week for you to support your child to complete this.



Proud to be part of the  CLP



Working Together

If you have a concern or worry about your child in school, please in the first instance speak with your child's class teacher. You can do this by calling the office and the class teacher will call you back. Just a reminder that the class email accounts are not being used at this time (they were started for contact during remote learning time). Of course, the Leadership Team will always be happy to help, but please make sure you have alerted the class teacher first.

Parking outside the school is becoming once again an issue. Having watched the flow of traffic over the last week, it would be really helpful if parents/carers do not park on the bend (these are double yellow lines).

New to Reception

Just a reminder - our new to reception 2021 children have been notified of their space for September. If you still have your enrolment form to return to the school, please do so as soon as possible – thank you.

Staggered Start and Finish System in School

Remember that the staggered start and finish times are there to help keep our school community safe. Please can I ask that you keep to your child's year group start time unless they have been invited into school prior to the class arriving for intervention clubs.

Stay safe and take care,
Mrs Z. Farmer



Celebration Awards



Reception

Badger
Fox
Rabbit

Willow-Rose
Tom
Annabelle T

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Kamil
Isabelle
Romeo

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

John
Oliver C
Bamise

What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infants

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services – Parent Workshops



Virgin Care are running a variety of Parent/Carer virtual workshops on Tuesdays at 10am. Please see the link below for further information.



<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=Information+for+Parents+and+Carers&pid=209&action=saved>

BFIS Health Champions – Mrs Robinson



Our personal challenge at lunchtime next week is...

Challenge 4: Bean Bag

Standing, place the bean bag on your head. Now sit down with it still on your head, stand up, then run to the other side of the playground and back - all without it falling off/being held on. How many can you complete in a minute?



Dementia Action Week – 17th - 23rd May



We have been asked to turn the High Streets blue for Dementia Action Week!

The children have been busy decorating Forget-Me-Not flowers to display in shops and the local area as a small act of kindness to connect our community. We have attached some more information to this newsletter and also the template we have been using. If you would like to show your support and display them in your windows or local shops, we would be very grateful. A big thank you to Eason's mummy for helping us to get involved 😊



Medication

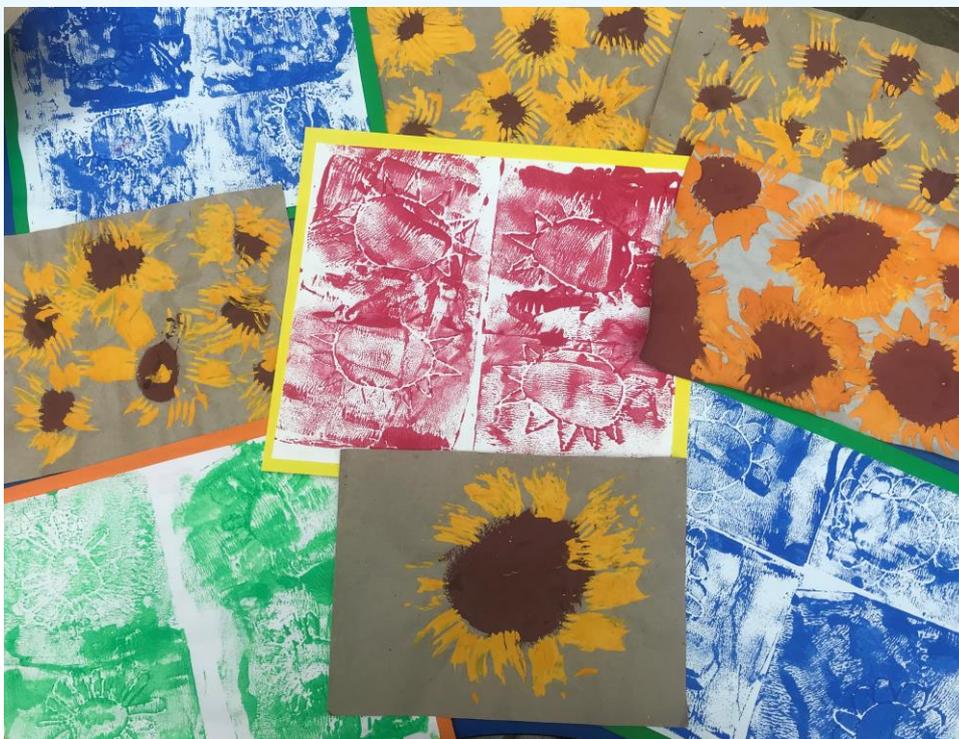


If your child has medication that needs to be regularly administered in school, please can you make sure that this has been given in at the school office, that is in date and that no details have changed on their care plan. If their care plan does need amending, please contact Mrs Robinson.

Curriculum– Mrs Merrick

Reception and Year 1 have been very creative this week! Reception used a range of tools to create beautiful sunflowers to represent what they are growing in their farm shops. Year 1 created their own printing template to create a repeating pattern in the style of William Morris.

Take a look!

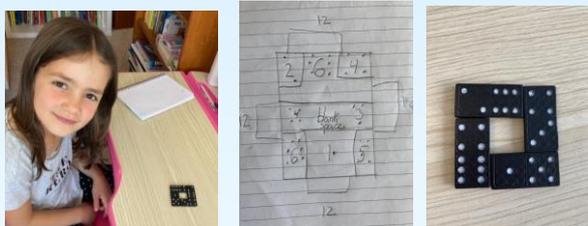


Mathematics - Mrs Hanson

Last week, I set a 'Sort the Street' challenge. I wonder how many of you tried it? I would love to know what you thought! Please let your teachers know, and maybe even send some photographs so that I can share them on this newsletter. It would be a great way to celebrate the mathematical thinking taking place at home. Thank you.



Here are some photographs from a previous domino challenge that was set recently. Great problem solving, well done!



This week's challenge; Play the 'Daisy Game'. Can you think of a winning strategy?



This is a game for two players. You will need a pencil and paper.

Click on the link to get started. [Daisy \(maths.org\)](https://www.maths.org) Happy investigating!

Upcycling Competition- Miss Talbot

In Year 2, we have been thinking about climate change and how we can look after our environment. This involves making sure we reduce, reuse and recycle plastics and other materials around the house. 'Kids Just Recycle' are hosting an upcycling competition you might like to take part in. Over the next few weeks, see if you can come up with any super smart and creative



upcycled products using materials around your home that would be otherwise be headed for the bin.

Here we have some flip flops made from old tires and a reusable shopping bag made from single-use plastic bags.



Entries must be emailed to enquiries@kidsjustrecycle.co.uk by Friday 16th July 2021. Two lucky winners will receive a donation of £250 to our school. The winners will be announced on Friday 10th September 2021. I would also love to see a picture of your creations! Send them to me at tawnyowl@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk and I will put them on our Eco Warrior board in school. Happy upcycling!

General Reminders

Reporting Sickness Absence

It is very important that you continue to telephone the school office if your child is unwell on 01245 467474.

Please also continue to contact us if your family are self-isolating due to someone in your household showing symptoms of coronavirus or awaiting test results. This can be reported by phoning the school office on 01245 467474.

BFIS Film

We are so pleased 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>



[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 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 2nd September 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Friday 22nd February 2021



Friday 28th May 2021

Summer Term 1

Thursday 27 th May 2021	Last Day of Term	
Friday 28 th May 2021	Non-pupil day (staff only)	Only Staff to attend
Monday 7 th June 2021	Pupils Return	All children return to school (continued staggered times)
Thursday 10 th June 2021	Class Photographs	Details on how to purchase them will follow shortly.

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

