



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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11th June 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. The children have been settling straight back into their school routines beautifully. I had the pleasure of joining Barn Owls this morning to see their wonderful Mathematics lesson. The topic was time and I was so impressed with their understanding of telling the time. Mrs Rodgers stopped by my office today to tell me how wonderful the Reception children's writing has been and I saw many children awarded Capes of Success. In Year 1, the children have been sharing their phonics skills with the class teacher.

We are once again promoting Reading across the school and encourage you to read at least four times a week at home with your child. By marking this time shared at home in your child's Home/School reading record, your child can race through the class reading game and be awarded certificates.

Weekly Mile Track

Exciting News – This half term, we are hoping to have a weekly mile track installed on our field. We will let you know the dates of this installation nearer the time so that you are aware of what is happening on the field.

Class Photographs

The children looked smashing in their school uniforms this week ready for their class photographs. I am looking forward to seeing the finished pictures.

Stay safe and take care,
Mrs Z. Farmer



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regularly update our school website and Tapestry with all the exciting things that we learn during Forest School, so don't forget to keep an eye out.

Over and Above Focus



Now that we are approaching the end of the school year, we will be carefully planning transition activities to support the children with their journey to the next year group or junior school. Our 'Over and Above' focus for the half term will be 'Be Confident' and our Capes of Success focus is 'Bravery'. We will be arranging lots of activities and opportunities to support the children's transition and will be giving them the skills to be confident and brave so that they can look forward to September.

BFIS Learn a Language Assembly - Portuguese



This week, Paola and Sophia in Snowy Owls helped Mrs Robinson to lead a super assembly to teach the rest of the school some words in their home language, Portuguese. Both girls did an amazing job to teach us hello, goodbye, please, thank you and their favourite words, 'butterfly' and 'unicorn'! They certainly went 'Over and Above' to plan for the assembly and showed confidence and bravery – we were very proud of them. We are looking forward to other children who speak a different language at home teaching us in assembly in the future. 😊

New Additions!



We have had some new additions to the school over half term. We now have 5 fish in our school fish tank which the children are very much enjoying looking after. The children in Owlets lunch



club have thought of names for all of our new residents. Meet Bob, Yellowy, Tommy, Fred and Ben!



RSE Workshop – Mrs Robinson



This half term, we will be focusing on Growing and Changing as part of our PSHE lessons. Parent/Carers are invited to learn more about this in a virtual workshop on Tuesday 15th June at 1:30pm. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Robinson at senco@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk for an invite (please see previous letter sent). We hope to repeat this session later this half term.

School Environment

We are working very hard to improve our school environment and you may have seen our lovely new maps in the playground outside Otter Class which the children are having great fun exploring.



Alzheimer's Society



We have also been very lucky to receive some donated furniture from the Alzheimer's Society who are closing their Chelmsford offices. They have very kindly donated lots of storage furniture that has allowed us to improve the spaces around the school for staff and organise resources and more importantly, we have now fabulous new sofas in our Library area for the children to use. A big thank you to Claire, Claire and Louisa for thinking of us and helping to arrange this.



Wrap Splat Hat – Sun Cream and Hat Reminder



Over the next few weeks in school, we will be teaching the children about the importance of staying safe in the sun. With the sun finally shining, please can parent/carers ensure that your



child brings a named hat to school and that sun cream is applied before school. The children may bring a named bottle of sun cream in themselves to reapply before lunchtimes.

Mathematics - Mrs Hanson

Last week, I set a 'Scissors, paper, rock Chinese style' 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.



This week's challenge; Seeing Squares. Take it in turns to click on a dot on the grid. The winner is the first person to have four dots that are shown joined by straight lines to form a square.



Click on the link to get started. [Seeing Squares \(maths.org\)](https://www.maths.org/seeing-squares) 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

Lost Property

We have a number of items in our lost property box. If you are missing anything, please speak to the school office. Can I please **remind you to label all items that come into school**, as this way, should they go astray, we can return them? **PLEASE NOTE:** if unclaimed, the items in the lost property box will be either recycled or discarded at the end of the Summer term.

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
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Mrs Z. Farmer – Headteacher
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Yvonne Spence – Community Governor
Katie Corbett – Parent Governor



Diary of Events

Non-Pupil Days/INSET for 2021-2022

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Summer Term 2

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.
Wednesday 21 st July 2021	Last Day of Term	
Wednesday 1 st September 2021	Non-pupil day (staff only)	Only Staff to attend
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Pupils Return	

School Closes for the Summer – Wednesday 21st July 2021

