



# Barnes Farm Infant School

## New to Reception Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding your child's entry into school this September. We have been busy over the past few weeks telephoning Preschools and Nurseries to find out about your child. We are having to do things a little differently this year but hoped to be as prepared as possible to welcome you all.

We were very much hoping that we would be able to invite the children into school for our usual stay and play sessions, but due to the government advice and conversations that we have had with Preschool and Nurseries, we do not want to put anyone at risk. Our main priority is you and your children's safety.

Although we are unable to meet with the children by having them visit our school classrooms, we have been busy thinking of ways that we can interact with the children. This newsletter aims to give you key information about your child's exciting year ahead as they begin their learning journey in our school.

### Arrangements for Starting School in September

Your child will start school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please see below the timings and arrangements that support their transition. Further details will be sent of which group your child is in for the first day. Please note that these arrangements may be subject to change in accordance with Covid19 government guidelines.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Group A Reception children to attend from 8.40am to 11.30am  
and**

**Group B from 12.30pm to 3.10pm**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – All Reception children to attend from 8.40am to 12:30pm (including lunch)**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – All Reception children in full time  
(timings of school day to be confirmed due to Covid systems)**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – All Reception children who have been allocated a space at Early Birds and  
Night Owls Breakfast and Afterschool Club to start from today**

## **Your Child's Class and Class Teacher**

Next week, you and your child will find out the name of your class teacher. The classes are Badger Class, Rabbit Class and Fox Class. This will be emailed to your primary email account provided on your enrolment form and also added to your child's Tapestry account (please see below for information).

## **Transition Meetings 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be inviting you to meet virtually with your child's new teacher via Microsoft Teams. These meetings are an opportunity for you and your child to meet their new teacher, talk about the year ahead and ask any questions that you may have. If you would prefer telephone call rather than a virtual meeting, this can be arranged. A separate communication will be sent detailing how you can book your session. The Transition Meetings will take place on the following days:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Badger Class to meet Mrs Bentham**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Fox Class to meet Miss Crussell**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Rabbit Class to meet Mrs White**

## **Transition Books**

You will shortly receive a Transition Book that will have pictures of your new teacher and information about the classes in order for you to talk about our school with your children. It will also include other adults in our school that may support your child on their journey through the Reception year. We hope you find this useful.

## **Tapestry**



We are very excited to be using Tapestry in our school. Please follow the link below to find out more about this on line learning journey which will celebrate your child's development in school and at home with their family:

<https://tapestry.info/>

'Tapestry builds a very special record of a child's experiences, development and learning journey through their early years and primary education. Using photos, videos and diary entries, a teacher or early years' practitioner, along with the child's parents, 'weaves' the story of the child and how they are growing and developing.' Tapestry 2020.

We will be sending you a letter and guide next week to explain how to sign up to your child's Tapestry account. We will then update Tapestry regularly with information, such as your child's class teacher, stories, classroom tours and challenges for your child to see and interact with before they start school. We hope this will be a fun, and most importantly a safe way for you and your child to be introduced to our school and staff.

## Early Birds and Night Owls Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Our Early Birds and Night Owls provision is very popular with many of our families and is an invaluable support for those parent/carers who require childcare.

For more information, please see the link our website below, or contact Mrs Robinson on 07850 903896 or via email at [ebno@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ebno@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk)

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=Early+Birds+and+Night+Owls+Club&pid=83>

Parent/Carers that have already requested spaces for September will receive an email next week to confirm their sessions.

## Special Educational, Medical and Additional Needs

If your child has a medical or special educational need that they will need additional support with when they join us, please contact Mrs Robinson via the school office on 01245 467474 so that we can arrange an appointment to meet with you.

## School Uniform



Our logo school uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland and can be purchased online. Attached to the newsletter you will find a leaflet containing all the information you need to order online if you wish to order from our uniform supplier. Please note that you must order by 1<sup>st</sup> August to ensure delivery before the start of term. Details of our School Uniform can also be found on our website or on the link below:

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=525>

## School Lunches



Our school lunches are provided by Pabulum. We have attached the menu for you to share with your child. Every child in the Infant school is entitled to universal free school meals, however you may choose to send your child a packed lunch. If your child has a medically prescribed diet or specialist dietary requirements, please get in touch with Mrs Robinson via the school office on 01245 467474.

## Website and Twitter



Please remember to visit the school website to view our school celebration film. There is lots of information to support families and information about what happens at BFIS. You may also like to take a look at our school newsletters that are published every week.

There is a section for our new parent/carers for September 2021. This will give you links to support you may need and fantastic ideas for playing and learning at home.

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=New+to+Reception+2020+%2D+Information+for+Parent%2FCarers&pid=505>

If you wish to find out more about our school, you can also follow us on Twitter:

**@FarmBarnes**

## Enrolment Forms

If you have not yet returned your child's enrolment forms, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have any questions/worries/problems, please contact us at [reception2021@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:reception2021@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk) or on the well-being phone number between 7am and 5pm - Monday to Friday:

07850 903896

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all and hope that we can invite you all in to school soon during safer times.

Take care  
Mrs Farmer and The BFIS Early Years Team

