



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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1st October 2021

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a lovely week in school. We are busy getting ready for the Harvest Assembly next week and Year 1 have completed some wonderful learning about harvest which is now on display in the atrium. From Monday, we will be welcoming food donations for the Harvest Assembly which we will ensure are passed to the Chelmsford Foodbank to support those in our community that need it the most. Items suggested by the foodbank are:

- Tinned fruit
- Sponge pudding
- Powdered custard
- Jams and preserves
- Long-life fruit juice
- Small and medium coffee
- Chocolate bars (eg Kit Kat)
- long-life milk (semi-skimmed)
- Powdered potato- small and medium packets
- Men's shampoo
- Ladies deodorant
- Nappies size 4 and larger
- washing up liquid
- Small/medium washing powder/liquid/gel/ tablets

We will be collecting items up until Monday 11th October.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Z. Farmer



Proud to be part of the 



Celebration Awards



Reception

Badger
Fox
Rabbit

Jason
Bella
Joshua

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

The Whole Class
Cruz
Stevie

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Isabelle
Hallie
Sienna



What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

BFIS Owl Code



We are very proud of all the children this week for showing good manners in school and have been very happy to reward with lots of stickers and certificates.

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe



Next week, we will be meeting Buddy from the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe programme in Assembly.

Buddy, a friendly, green speech bubble who believes that children should be able to speak out to someone if they're worried or unhappy gave the children lots of advice on staying safe. It has been great to see the children already using the language and taking onboard Buddy's advice.

Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old and it helps children to understand the following:



- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and that they have the right to be safe where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including the [Childline service](#)

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Mrs Robinson

Water Bottles



Please remember to send your child into school with a named water bottle every day. Studies show that drinking water regularly throughout the day can protect health and promote wellbeing, as well as improve mental and academic performance.

We ask that bottles only be filled with water (not flavoured water or squash) unless your child has an agreed individual medical care plan. Thank you 😊

Forest School



Please find below our planned dates for year groups to enjoy Forest School for this term.

w/c 20.09.21 to w/e 15.10.21	Year 2
w/c 18.10.21 (half term w/c 25.10.21) to w/e 21.11.21	Year 1
w/c 22.11.21 to w/e 17.12.21	Reception



Parent/Carer Workshops



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at BFIS

Our next parent/carers workshop will be held in school on the dates below. This will be an opportunity for parent/carers to come into school to meet our Wellbeing Team and find out how we support children with additional needs. If you feel your child has additional needs and you would like to discuss these before the meeting, please contact Mrs Robinson who will be very happy to offer support.

Thursday 14th October at 9:15am - SEND and The Owlets Wellbeing Team at BFIS

Thursday 14th October at 4:30pm - SEND and The Owlets Wellbeing Team at BFIS (repeat of the first session)

Mathematics - Mrs Hanson

Recently, I set a 'Incy Wincy Spider' game. 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; 'Snap' game. Try this version of snap. Do you know the order of the days of the week? Can you make up an extra rule?





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

General Reminders



Are you concerned about a child?

If you are worried about a child, make a written record of your concern. (Include the day, date, time, concern and your signature). You must share your concerns without delay



Mrs Z Farmer - Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs J Collins - Designated Safeguarding Deputy Mrs K Robinson - Designated Safeguarding Deputy



School Uniform

Our logo school uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland and can be purchased online. The school website contains all the information you need to order online if you want to order logo school uniform.

Lost Property

As we start the new academic year, can we please **remind you to label all items that come into school**, as this way, should they go astray, we can return them?

ParentPay

This is just a reminder to make sure that your ParentPay accounts are activated. This is vital to receive communication from the school.

Reporting Sickness Absence

It is very important that we are aware if your child is unwell. This week, communication was sent to you regarding Studybugs – our new absence reporting tool. Please download the app to report your child unwell. If you are unable to use this facility, continue to telephone the school office on 01245 467973.

Please also continue to contact us you child has tested positive on a PCR test or has shown COVID symptoms and you are taking them for a PCR test.

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=Wb7gyEmbSb8>

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

Katie Corbett – Chair of Governors – Parent Governor
Elizabeth Keeley – Vice Chair of Governors – Community Governor
Heidi Hards – Parent Governor
Rebecca Pascoe-Youell – Community Governor
Mrs Z. Farmer – Headteacher
Mrs K. Robinson – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor
Miss C. Hook – KS1 Leader and Staff Governor
Danielle Jukes – Community Governor
Yvonne Spence – Community Governor

Diary of Events

NON PUPIL DAYS

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Thursday 21st October 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Summer Term Ends Thursday 21st July 2022



AUTUMN TERM 1

Friday 8th October	Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk	
October (to be confirmed)	Cross Country	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
Monday 4th October to Monday 11th October	Harvest Festival Food Donations	Please give to the class teacher.
Wednesday 6th October	Harvest Festival Assembly	To be confirmed
Tuesday 12th October	National Child Measurement	Reception Pupils Only
Thursday 14th October	SEND and Owlets Wellbeing Team at BFIS 9.15am and 4.30pm	Details to Follow
Wednesday 20th October	Last Day of Term	
Thursday 21st October	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	
Friday 22nd October	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM – Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 3.15pm

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 25th October 2021 – Friday 29th October 2021
INSET DAYS – Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October 2021**

