



Barnes Farm Infant School

# Newsletter

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8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Message from the Headteacher

We have been extremely busy in school this week not just in class but around the school. Over the course of the week, we have welcomed several visitors to the school – some have been to see us learning and others have been to speak to us in our assemblies. It has been wonderful to welcome outside speakers back into school which allows us to provide the children with rich and memorable learning experiences. I have to say (as always) I was extremely proud of how well behaved and polite the children were towards the visitors.

## Harvest Festival Celebration and Foodbank Collections

This week, we welcomed Rev. Andy to our school to lead our Harvest Celebration assemblies in each year group. He helped us remember to be thankful for all the people who help make sure that we have food to eat such as farmers, lorry drivers and supermarket staff. We had the opportunity to share our learning about this festival in a variety of ways. Year 2 read out some of their thank you poems, Year 1 performed a Harvest poem with actions and Reception sang ‘Dingle Dangle Scarecrow’. All the children were amazing and enjoyed their chance to be part of the assemblies.

We would also like to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Haywood who, even though she has retired as a teacher from our school, still contributed to the Harvest Celebrations by providing us with a Harvest loaf and some beautiful flowers. Don't forget to look closely at the Harvest loaf and see if you can spot the mouse!



Proud to be part of the  CLP





Thank you for all of your generous donations for the Chelmsford Foodbank. We are taking donations up until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October so please feel free to send some items in if you wish to do so.

Thank you to Mrs White who has coordinated our celebration and the food collection.

### School Council Representatives - Autumn Term

We have been voting this week for our new Year 1 and 2 School Council Representatives. Our representatives were given the opportunity to speak to their class about why they should be chosen to represent their class and then the class voted. We will announce the results in next week's newsletter. Well done to everyone who took part!!

### Our New Build

This week we welcomed Brian the Builder from Beardwell's Construction to our Monday assembly. We learnt that Brian is the manager of our building site and we can tell this because he wears an orange hi vis jacket. Brian taught us about being safe on the building site and shared the architect's drawings of our new building which will house 8 new classrooms! He invited the children to the site on the condition that they are good in school and agree to wear hard hats and hi vis jackets. The children agreed to this and the tours of the site have begun which we are very excited about.



Brian also invited the children to take part in a competition. He has bought us paints to decorate the wooden panels in the playground which surround the site. All the children will have the chance to decorate a class panel and compete to be the best in the school...we will keep you updated as the competition progresses!

We are excited about working ever closer with Beardwell's Construction as the project unfolds. The school is very lucky to be involved in seeing the various stages of development and I hope it will inspire those children who are interested in future careers in the building industry.

### Vacancies at BFIS

Are you interested in joining the BFIS staff team? If so, there are a range of exciting job opportunities currently being advertised at our school including:

- Learning Support Assistants
- Midday Assistants
- EBNO Holiday Club Assistants

### Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Next week we are going to be holding a fancy-dress sponsored walk on Friday 15th October (weather permitting) to raise some much-needed school funds. Previous year's successful fundraising events saw us purchase new resources for the school such as our colourful picnic benches.

More information has been sent out today via ParentPay.

Have a great weekend,  
Mrs Z. Farmer



## Celebration Awards



### Reception

Badger  
Fox  
Rabbit

Evie  
Harvey  
Emily

### Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

Christopher  
Sebastian  
Lily

### Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Amelie  
Teddy  
Layla-Rae

## 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.



### First Class – Essex Chronicle Photos

## First Class

Every year, the Essex Chronicle celebrate the new children in Reception by printing ‘First Day at School’ photos in the paper. The date this year that the supplement will appear in the **Essex Chronicle** will be **Wc 11th October**. We have sent them photos of Badger, Fox and Rabbit Class and can’t wait to see them in the paper.

Don’t forget to look out for a copy next week 😊

### NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe



This week we have had our ‘Speak Out, Stay Safe’ assembly. With the help of the NSPCC mascot, Buddy the speech bubble, children now know they have the right to:

- speak out and be heard
- be safe
- get help when they need it

Buddy helped the children to think about the kinds of worries that they need to ask for help with and encouraged them to speak to someone they know and trust if they’re worried about something.

He taught the children that the following things are NOT OK!

- Hitting
- Hurting children’s feelings
- Privates are private
- Not being looked after properly at home
- Bullying
- Hurting online



We pride ourselves on being a 'Telling School' and teach the children that to stay safe and happy, they must share any worries with a trusted grown-up. If ever your child has any worries, we are more than happy to help and give advice. Please contact your child's class teacher or a member of the Owlets Wellbeing team.



### Medication and Individual Care Plans – Mrs Robinson

We are currently in the process of updating our medical and dietary records in school. If you have notified us that your child has a medical or dietary, you will shortly receive an individual care plan for you to review. Please can you amend any details necessary and sign and return the care plan to your child's class teacher. Please can you also send any medication necessary into school. We ask that you make a note of the expiry date for any medication sent in to school as it is parent/carers responsibility that this is in date (we will always try to send out a reminder though). If you receive a care plan and your child no longer needs medical/has the condition or dietary need, please write this on the care plan and return it so we can update our records.

If your child has a medical or dietary need that you need to inform us of, please contact Mrs Robinson.

### Parent/Carer Workshops



### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at BFIS

Don't forget, if you would like to find out about the provision, we offer for children with additional needs we have a workshop that you can attend next Thursday. We hope you can join us :)



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

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

To sign up, please fill out the form on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtIQtFbvcAhkPdHh5WLR981i1iBUQocoNDNXRklaNE9UUEo2R1BMUVNzMjYDVS4u>

### Reception-Mrs Bentham

We have had a very busy week in our Reception classes this week. We celebrated Harvest in our first Harvest Assembly and talked about how we can help those in our school and community who do not have enough food. Thank you to all of you who made some wonderful donations this week. Our children have produced some lovely art work.

Our word of the week this week was resilience. As part of our SCARF learning we have talked about what this word means how we can help each other when things seem tough at school. Pete the Cat is a very cool cat who has been helping us this week... Thank you Pete



### Mathematics - Mrs Hanson

We have been learning lots of useful things in mathematics in school this week. Reception have been ordering numbers, Year 1 have been learning about shapes and Year 2 have been learning how to solve addition and subtraction word problems. I have spoken to some children in each class to find out what they think about mathematics, and it was great to hear such positive feedback. One child in Reception was especially proud to show me his book and could tell me all the numbers to 10 in order. The children really are demonstrating a 'Growth Mindset' towards the subject and have been earning some 'Capes of Success' to reflect this.

If you would like to further support this area at home, please check our school website which has lots of useful links. Remember to log on to Times Table Rock Stars and MyMaths (Year 1 and 2) which are at the back of your child's reading record. You may also wish to try this problem-solving activity below.

#### [Two Dice \(maths.org\)](https://www.maths.org)



#### 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

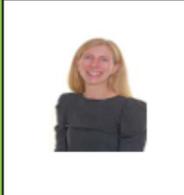


## General Reminders



# Are you concerned about a child?

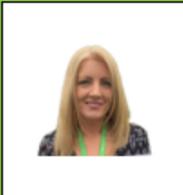
If you are worried about a child, make a written record of your concern. (Include the day, date, time, concern and your signature). You must share your concerns without delay



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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Summer Term Ends Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

#### **AUTUMN TERM 1**

<b>October (to be confirmed)</b>	<b>Cross Country</b>	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival Food Donations</b>	Please give to the class teacher.
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival Assembly</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>National Child Measurement</b>	Reception Pupils Only
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>SEND and Owlets Wellbeing Team at BFIS 9.15am and 4.30pm</b>	Email Sent on ParentPay



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<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk</b>	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)</b>	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)</b>	

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 3.15pm**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**INSET DAYS – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

