



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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22nd October 2021

Message from the Headteacher

What an amazing half term it has been for so many reasons. Well done to the Reception children who have successfully completed their first half term at school and learnt so much in such a short space of time. A big **BARNES FARM CHEER** to you all. The new building is starting to take shape and the children have begun to visit the building site. We have been super impressed by the learning taking place across the school and over the last two weeks, we have seen a number of important visitors come to see the children and staff. The children's behaviour around the school and in lessons was brilliant and I know it is going to be another excellent year at BFIS!

Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all that made last Friday such a special event. The Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk was a huge success and the children had a great day. I have never seen so many superhero outfits! Thank you to all that paid to dress up and thank you to those that have already paid in sponsored money to their child's ParentPay account.

Competition Time

Can you guess who the feet in the pictures belong to? Clue: they are all adults that work at BFIS! If you would like to submit your child's answer to the admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk email account with the name of the three adults by Wednesday 3rd November by 3pm, we will draw winners from the correct answers and announce them in Friday's newsletter. Please title your email – Feet Competition – and it will make its way to me!

See picture overleaf.



Proud to be part of the  CLP





Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Meldon to the school. Mr Meldon is the Barnes Farm Site Manager and will be working across both schools. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Meldon to the role but also to say, 'Thank you' to Mr Cooper who has supported the school in a maintenance role whilst we appointed a permanent member of staff.

Parent Consultation Evenings

During the first week back, we will be offering Parent Consultation Evening appointments. This is a chance to meet your child's class teacher and discuss targets for the year ahead. Booking an appointment can be made through the Microsoft FORM link sent in a separate letter to parents/carers.

Foodbank Collections

Last week, the food that was donated for our Harvest Festival was collected by the Chelmsford Food Bank. Thank you so much for your generosity this year. The picture below shows just a small amount of the food that was donated.

Mrs White, R.E. Subject Leader



School Council Representatives - Autumn Term

Congratulations to our Year 1 and 2 School Council Representatives who were voted into their roles by their peers in class. Well done to the following children who will represent their class in the Autumn Term on the School Council:

Year 1

Otters – Austin and Zara

Hedgehog – Noah and Darcey

Squirrel - Izzy and Cruz

Year 2

Barn Owl - Leah and George

Tawny Owl - Oscar and Harry

Snowy Owl – Chloe and Hallie

I look forward to seeing the positive difference you will make to our school.

New to Reception 2022 Tours

For those families that have a child that will be starting school in September 2022, we are offering tours of the school with small groups of visitors. Unlike other years, we do not feel we are able to accommodate large numbers in our hall due to our current Covid Risk Assessment, however, we would like to extend an invite to join us for a tour so we can show you our wonderful school. To request a tour, please complete our Microsoft FORM below with your details and we will get back to you to confirm your tour date and time:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtIQndrnDdjNvRMvIYB6kGPA-IUNE81VIlzSVZLV1FWV1pEWjc2R0xSTk9JSS4u>

Parents and Carers can also find this link on the school's website under our 'New to Reception 2022' Tab.

Teacher Led Clubs

After half term, teacher led clubs will begin for Year 1 and 2 from the week beginning Monday 8th November. Children are invited to sign up for one club. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If your child is not successful in gaining a place in the club of their choice, they



will be offered an alternative club. Details for signing up for the clubs will be sent from the office when we return.

Studybugs

We recently launched StudyBugs to support the reporting of absences **54%** of our parents/carers are now using this. If you have not downloaded the app yet, please see the parent/carer communication sent from the school office.

Next week is half-term holiday so we look forward to welcoming back the children at **8:45am** on **Monday 1st November**.

Have a great half term,
Mrs Z. Farmer



Celebration Awards



Reception

Badger
Fox
Rabbit

Oscar
Daniyal
Yusuf



Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Piper
Izzy
Rayan

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

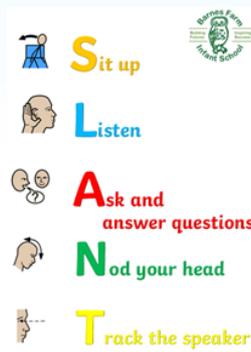
Jack
Alfie
Jack

What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

BFIS Over and Above Focus



Our focus this week has been to show 'Over and Above' effort with our learning attitudes. We teach the children that they can help themselves to learn if they show the following behaviours in class...



Fire Officer Visit



Last week we have had a very exciting visitor in assembly. Fire Officer Neil Soanes came in to teach us how to stay safe if we are attending Fireworks and Halloween celebrations over the next few weeks. The children listened carefully and now know how to stay safe.

Health Champions



We have been voting for our Health Champions! Mrs Robinson introduced the role to the children in assembly and we thought carefully about the skills we would need to make sure that BFIS is happy, healthy and safe at playtimes and lunchtimes. Each Year 1 and Year 2 class have nominated 2 children to take on the very important job of helping Mrs Robinson to keep our school happy and healthy (we will be choosing our Reception Health Champions in the spring term).

We are very proud to announce that these children have taken on this very important role.

Health Champions 2021 - 22	
Hedgehog Class 	Flynn and Mia
Otter Class 	Aisha and Henry
Squirrel Class 	Willow and Skye



Barn Owls 	Orla and Jack
Snowy Owls 	James and Isabelle PM
Tawny Owls 	Jimi and Darcey

EBNO October Half Term Holiday Club



We are very pleased to be able to offer our popular holiday clubs again this October Half Term.

The clubs will run from 9am to 3pm at a cost of £30 per child and we will be able to offer a maximum of 20 spaces on a first come, first serve basis.

EBNO staff will run themed days of fun for the children as follows:

Monday 25th October 2021	Tuesday 26th October 2021	Wednesday 27th October 2021
<p>Super Sports</p> 	<p>Amazing Arts and Crafts</p> 	<p>Awesome Activities</p> 

If you would like your child to attend, please visit the ‘Trips’ menu on ParentPay to sign up. If you have a child that attends Barnes Farm Junior School and you would like them to attend, please email ebno@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk and we will set you up with a new Infant school account. You may also via childcare vouchers so please contact us if you would like to do this.



RSE Workshop – Mrs Robinson



Back in the summer, we offered a workshop for Parent/Carers to find out about what we teach the children as part of our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum.

We will be repeating this workshop now that we can meet face to face for any parent/carers that were unable to attend or who are new to the school. The workshop aim is to give an overview of what we teach in our RSE lessons and to support parent/carers with any questions they may have.

The workshop will take place on **18th November at 9:15am**. Details of how to sign up for the workshop will be sent out after half term.

Our RSE Policy can be found on our website on the link below:

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=BFIS+Relationships+and+Sex+Education&pid=588>

BFIS Learn a Language Assembly – Portuguese



A big thank you to Jessica and Lara's mums who were our special visitors in assembly this week. They taught the children all about their home country, Brazil and other places in the



world that Portuguese is spoken. They also taught us how to say some key phrases in Portuguese, which the children really enjoyed and will be using in school.

The phrases that we were taught were:

Oi! - Hi

Tchau! - Bye

Meu nome é - My name is

Obrigado – thank you

Desculpe - sorry

It was lovely to have visitors in assembly and we are hoping that more parent/carers will be able to join us soon. If you have a skill, passion or interest that you think the children may be interested in, please contact Mrs Robinson.

Essex Child and Families Wellbeing Service



As a school, we work closely with the Essex Child and Families Wellbeing Service to provide additional support to our children and their families. This involves the Owlets Wellbeing Team liaising with our School Nurse, Health Visitors and Healthy Family Support Practitioners who work with us to provide a team around the family.

Each month, ECFWS create a bulletin promoting local or national health campaigns, featuring resources to promote best practice. This month, they are focusing on Mental Health.



ECFWS also offer parenting workshops on the importance of sleep and parenting help for emotional wellbeing which may be helpful. We have added their bulletin to our 'Information for Parent/Carers' page on the school website.

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=Information+for+Parents+and+Carers&pid=20>

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Parent/Carer Workshops



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at BFIS

Thank you to all that attended out workshops on Thursday. we hope that you found it useful. we would be very grateful for your feedback and ask that you complete the feedback survey that will follow shortly. If you have any questions or need any further support, please remember that we are always happy for you to contact us 😊

Music



I am very pleased to be able to start singing assemblies again and have many lovely songs to teach your children in the coming weeks. Listen out for new tunes being sung on Thursday evenings!



Reception - Mrs Bentham

We have had such a fun week in Reception this week. We were all invited to the building site to look at the foundations for our 8 new classrooms next year. Look out on Tapestry for a picture of your child wearing their hard hat and jacket.



The children all looked amazing in their fancy dress for our sponsored walk. Thank you to all our parents who supported us. We have placed a sticker in your child's reading record to let you know how many laps of the playground they walked. Well done everyone!

Eco-Committee – Miss Talbot



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Over the past three weeks, Year 1 and Year 2 have been voting for their Eco-Committee representative. They will be working hard with Miss Talbot to help Barnes Farm Infant School make eco-friendly choices. We will be working towards the Green Flag Eco Schools Award, so keep an eye out for regular updates from our meetings. Below is the list of Eco-Committee members:

Year 1

Abigail
Leonard
Amy

Year 2

Louie
Lyanna
Sienna

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



NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe



Our children at BFIS know that children know they have the right to:

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

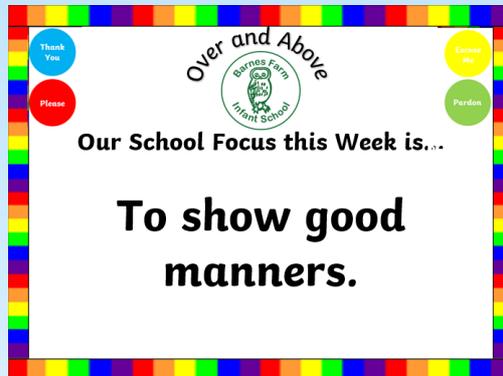
They know that the following things are NOT OK!

- 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.

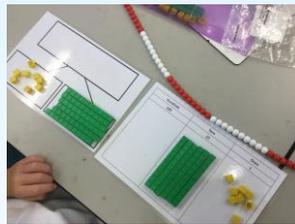


BFIS Owl Code



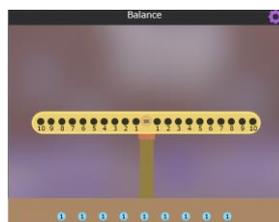
We are very proud of all the children this week for showing good manners in school and have been very happy to reward with lots of stickers and certificates.

Mathematics - Mrs Hanson



We are very proud of our mathematical thinking and achievements this half term. We have used a range of manipulatives in classes across the school, to help us understand some abstract concepts. We are becoming confident when explaining our thinking to others and love to prove it by showing many different examples. Why not try this activity to further develop these mastery skills!

[Number Balance \(maths.org\)](https://www.maths.org/)

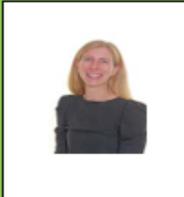


General Reminders



Are you concerned about a child?

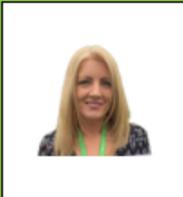
If you are worried about a child, make a written record of your concern. (Include the day, date, time, concern and your signature). You must share your concerns without delay



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.

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=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

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 2

2nd Half of the Term	Year 2 Phonics Screen Check	
2nd Half of the Term	New to Reception 2023 Tours	
Monday 1st November	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
Week Beginning Monday 1st November	New to Reception 2022 Tours	Information Available on the Website
Wednesday 3rd November	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm	Infant School Hall
Thursday 4th November	Parents Evening 5.30pm - 8.00pm	Infant School Hall
Thursday 4th November	School Photographs	Both Schools
Friday 5th November	School Photographs	Both Schools
Monday 8th November	Teacher Led Club Start	Year 1 and Year 2 Only
Friday 12th November	Children in Need	Children to wear something spotty
November (To Be Confirmed)	Remembrance Assembly	BFIS and BFJS (School Only)
(To Be Confirmed)	Last Week of Teacher Led Clubs	3.15pm to 4.00pm
Tuesday 23rd November	Flu Immunisation	Details sent by ParentPay



Wednesday 24th November	No Pens Day	
Week Beginning Monday 29th November	New to Reception 2022 Tours	Details to be Confirmed
Tuesday 30th November	All in Event	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
Wednesday 1st December (To Be Confirmed)	Year 1 Concert Morning – 9.15am	Details to be Confirmed
Thursday 2nd December	Year 1 Concert Afternoon – 1.45pm	Details to be Confirmed
Thursday 2nd December	Christmas Movie and Munch	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on ParentPay by Monday 29 th November 2021
Tuesday 7th December (To Be Confirmed)	Reception Concert Morning – 9.15am	Details to be Confirmed
Wednesday 8th December (To Be Confirmed)	Reception Concert Afternoon – 1.45pm	Details to be Confirmed
Friday 10th December (To Be Confirmed)	Year 2 Carol Concert 3.30pm	Infant School Playground
Tuesday 14th December To Be Confirmed	Christmas Craft Day Christmas Dinner and Christmas Dress Up Day	No donations required, just for fun.
Friday 17th December	Last Day of Term	

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAY – Friday 17th December 2021 at 3.15pm

XMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 20th December 2021 – Monday 3rd January 2022

INSET DAY – Tuesday 4th January 2022

