



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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19th November 2021

Message from the Headteacher

WOW! WELL DONE to all the children for their contribution towards the Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk Day and a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those that sponsored and added this money to the ParentPay account. The children raised an amazing **£3171.40!**

This year we are raising funds to buy the following to improve our school environment:

- Book storage and comfortable seating for the Atrium (our library area and whole school reading schemes)
- New improved snack storage
- Plant Pots and planters to brighten up the school environment
- Plants, bulbs and seeds
- Picnic style benches for outside classrooms
- Playground Games Strategy Kit and additional playground equipment for playtimes e.g. replacement skipping ropes, hula hoops, various sized balls
- Parent/Carer Information Display Board
- Parent/Carer and Child Noticeboards & EYFS Outdoor Role Play corner
- Permanent flooring for our Igloo so it can be used all year and, in all weathers, and additional resources for this zone including outdoor cushions

The money raised by the children so far will go a long way towards purchasing some of the items above.



Proud to be part of the  CLP



Christmas Plans

This week, we sent a letter informing you of the Christmas plans for the individual class Christmas singing sessions outdoors.

Please see the end of the newsletter for the dates and times for your class.

More information will follow on the additional exciting activities we are planning with the run up to the Christmas break.

You will also have received a letter detailing all of the exciting fundraising events and magical experiences that we have planned for the children in December. We have asked that parent/carers contribute a minimum donation of £6 to allow us to provide these opportunities for the children payable via ParentPay. All contributions will be greatly received, and any additional monies raised will go towards items on our wish list. Thank you in advance for your support – we are hoping to make it a fabulous festive season for everyone 😊

Vacancies at BFIS

Are you interested in joining the Barnes Farm Infant School Team or know someone who would? Over the next few weeks, we will be advertising several support staff roles at the school. These will be advertised on Essex Job Scene (<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/>). Additionally, a link to all job advertisements can be found on the school website under the 'Vacancies' tab. The current role being advertised is:

Early Birds and Night Owls Assistant (Monday and Friday) - full details on the above website

School Photographs

There has been a delay on the delivery of the proofs of the individual photographs from Fizz Photography. We expect to bring you an update next week and will let you know the amended order date once confirmed.



Children in Need 2021 - Dress Up Day



Thank you to all the children (and staff!) that dressed up today to acknowledging BBC Children in Need Day. If you would still like to donate to this cause to help children and young people across the UK when they need help the most, we ask that you do this direct to the appeal at:

[Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Farmer



What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Celebration Awards

BFIS Over and Above Focus



This week, we have been thinking about being Kind and Gentle to each other as it is 'Antibullying Week'



Reception

Badger
Fox
Rabbit

Harry
Fae
Giulia

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Mia
Emily-May
Leonard

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Jesse
Emily
Emily



Anti-Bullying Week



The children have learnt about what bullying is in assembly with Mrs. Robinson and that this year's focus is 'One Kind Word'.

We talked about bullying is hurting someone on purpose, over and over again and that it is not when an unkind thing happens only once.

We found out that it can happen face to face with actions or with words, or online through a phone, tablet or computer.



The children were brilliant at remembering our previous assembly with Buddy from the NSPCC and remembered that these things ARE NOT OKAY!

We have been thinking about lots of kind things that we can say and do for each other to make those around us feel happy.

We can all make a change by listening, by noticing and by working together to stop bullying.

Movie and Munch – Thursday 2nd December-



Tickets for our Movie and Munch fundraiser are available on ParentPay to purchase now. Tickets are £5 and the children can choose between 'Nativity' and 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas' and will have snacks and drinks during the showing. The children and staff always have a great time at these events so we hope that lots of children will join us to raise money for our school wish list. This will also be a fantastic opportunity for a spot of Christmas shopping so we hope you will enjoy this time too!



Road Safety Week – Mrs Day



In assembly this week we have been talking about how to stay safe when crossing the road. We read Super Cat's Road Safety Story and learnt to Stop, Look, Listen and Think. Super Cat taught us his Super Cat Rap to help us remember how to cross the road safely:

Super Cat's here, so say 'meow'!
Want to cross roads safely? I'll tell you how!
First, you **stop** and **look** from side to side.
Then you **listen** and **think**; that the Super Cat guide!

In classes we have also spoken about 'Be Bright and Be Seen' this winter and have had a look at Safer Essex's 5 top tips for being seen when out and near the road. There is a poster attached to the newsletter.

A poster with a black background and yellow text. The title 'BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN' is in large, bold, yellow letters, with 'this winter' in smaller yellow text below it. The poster features an illustration of three children: a boy in a blue jacket and yellow vest, a girl in a red helmet and blue jacket, and a boy in a blue jacket and yellow vest. Below the illustration, there is text about the importance of being seen in winter and a list of 5 top tips. The Safer Essex logo is at the bottom right.

BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN
this winter

Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer - so check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

- 1 Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2 If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, cables or wristbands work well! Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3 Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4 If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5 Of course, 'Being Bright' helps drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

Be Bright, Be Seen **THINK**

SAFERESSEX
roads partnership



Teacher Led Clubs

Drawing and Colouring Club – Miss Dick



We have had an amazing start to Drawing club and the children have been immersed in their imagination. During the first week of club, we explored using shapes to draw cartoon characters. This week we learnt how to draw a variety of animals. I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and love for drawing by the children. I am really looking forward to seeing the future artists develop over the course of the half term.

Dance Club – Miss Hook



It was our first week of Dance club and it was lovely to see so many children excited to get moving and dancing. This week we learnt the first part of a routine to a song from The Greatest Showman which we will add more to next week. Some of the children bought in kit to wear especially for dance which others are more than welcome to do. I look forward to seeing you all again next week for some more fun.

My ChildsArt Fundraiser



After the success of last year, we will once again fundraising using My ChildsArt. The children have been busy drawing and painting their beautiful artwork for you to make into beautiful keepsakes if you wish. You will receive an email to let you know how to view your child's artwork soon.



RSE Workshop – Mrs Robinson



A big thank you to those parent/cares that joined us for the RSE Workshop on 18th November and we hope that you found it useful. If you have any specific questions about our relationships and sex education curriculum but did not attend the workshop, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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>

Eco Warriors – Miss Talbot



The new Eco Committee had our first meeting this week. We spoke about our goals for the year and how we are going to achieve them. We also discovered a competition which is being held by The Action Pack to raise awareness of the importance of recycling, something we fully support. The Eco Committee and I would be delighted to have as many people enter on behalf of Barnes Farm Infant School as possible. To enter, all you need to do is create a poster encouraging people to recycle and use the online 'Recycling Locator' tool (<https://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling>). This website provides useful information on where and how to recycle. More information regarding this competition and how to enter will be sent home in a letter with your child. Thank you for your support!



General Reminders

New to Reception 2022 Tours

For those 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-IUNE81VIlzSVZLV1FWV1pEWjc2RoxSTk9JSS4u>

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

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



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. Please remember to report your child's absence on Studybugs. You can 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.

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.

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.





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

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.



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

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 available on Website or by contacting the school office
Tuesday 30th November	All in Event	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
Wednesday 1st December – Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Cards	Children can bring in cards to post into the class post box.
Wednesday 1st December	Hedgehog Class Singing Round the Tree Morning – 9.15am	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
Thursday 2nd December	Otter Class Singing Round the Tree Morning – 9.15am	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
Thursday 2nd December	Christmas Movie and Munch	Sign up on ParentPay to pay £5.00 and give consent. Payment must be made by Tuesday 30 th November
Friday 3rd December	Squirrel Class Singing Round the Tree	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow



	Morning – 9.15am	
Monday 6th December	Last Week of Teacher Led Clubs	3.15pm - 4.00pm
Monday 6th December	BFIS Magical Reindeer Event	
Tuesday 7th December	Badger Class Singing Round the Tree Morning – 9.15am	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
Wednesday 8th December	Barn Owl Class Singing Round the Tree After School – 3.30pm	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
Thursday 9th December	Rabbit Class Singing Round the Tree Morning – 9.15am	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
Thursday 9th December	Snowy Owl Class Singing Round the Tree After School – 3.30pm	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
Friday 10th December	Fox Class Singing Round the Tree Morning – 9.15am	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
Friday 10th December	Tawny Owl Class Singing Round the Tree After School – 3.30pm	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
Tuesday 14th December	Christmas Craft Day	
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Dress Up Day	No donations required, just for fun.
Thursday 16th December	Online Panto Day - Cinderella	
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

