



Barnes Farm Infant School Newsletter

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26th November 2021

Message from the Headteacher

A **THANK YOU** card came into school from The Chelmsford Foodbank to say thank you for our Harvest Time donations. We donated **255kg** as a school.

Some of the items bought through the money raised during the Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk have started to arrive in school. We shared some of the new lunchtime play equipment with the children in assembly today and cannot wait to start to use them on the playground!



As the new items come into school, we will keep you posted to let you know where the sponsor money is making a difference to our school.



Proud to be part of the  CLP



Christmas Plans

Our magical plans for Christmas are in full swing! Thank you so much to those parent/carers that have made their contribution via ParentPay towards our Christmas events - without these we will not be able to offer the wonderful things we have planned for the children.

You will have received a letter detailing all 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.

We will be sending out a list of everything we will be doing to celebrate on Monday as a handy guide for parent/carers.

Thank you in advance for your support – we are hoping to make it a fabulous festive season for everyone 😊

In addition to the events planned in school for the children, we are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to their child's Class Singing Concert.

Amazing Fundraising Event!



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Mace Playce have very kindly offered to host a fundraising event at their local soft play centre, with all of the proceeds going towards Barnes Farm Infant School. They will be hosting 2 hours of soft play fun to raise money for items on our wish list. ALL money raised on admissions will be donated!

Please see below dates for the super sessions that they will be offering:

Monday 17th January - RECEPTION

Tuesday 18th January - YEAR 1

Wednesday 19th January - YEAR 2

Details of how to book the sessions are in the flyer attached to this week's newsletter.

We would like to say a huge thank you in advance to Mace Playce for offering to do this for us and are sure that the children will have an amazing time.

[Essex Chronicle](#)



The festive season is soon upon us, and the Essex Chronicle newspaper have asked us to join in the celebrations by sending them photos of the children's activities in school. As per our previous communication, we will be sending photos of each class to be published in the edition on 16th December – we are looking forward to seeing our BFIS super stars in the newspaper!

[Parking in our Local Community](#)

Please can I remind all parents/carers who drive to school that ASDA allows parents/carers to park and stride into school. This eases the amount of congestion in Henniker Gate and allows access to the bottom entrance gate.

[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](#)

[Midday Assistant Fixed Term - \(Monday to Friday\) - full details on the above website](#)

[Learning Support Assistant - Fixed Term - full details on the above website](#)

[Learning Support Assistant \(9am - 10am\) - Fixed Term - full details on the above website](#)

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Farmer



What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Celebration Awards

BFIS Over and Above Focus



We are very proud of the children for following the Owl Code and showing 'Kind and Gentle' behaviour to one another. It was a joy to hear the children using kind words to celebrate each other's successes in school.





Reception

Badger
Fox
Rabbit

Jacob
Adam
Nikol

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Darcey
Jackson
Stevie

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Katerina
Dexter
Oscar

Reception



The Reception children had an amazing day on Wednesday. Our word of the week is Explore and we certainly did a lot of exploring in Forest School with 'Terry Toad'. We found worms, made mud pies, climbed trees and played on the swing. We cannot wait for next week....



Year 1 – No Pens Day

All of the children in Year 1 had a fantastic day taking part in a range of activities that consisted of no writing! And instead relied on the children's speaking and listening skills to learn and communicate for the day. In Maths we used dienes cubes and rods to express subtraction equations and used these to tell mathematical stories. In English we used hand actions and facial expressions to retell our story that we will be writing in our Write to Impress this week.

Movie and Munch – Thursday 2nd December-



Tickets for our Movie and Munch fundraiser are available on ParentPay and are selling out fast! 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 you to go for a spot of Christmas shopping, so we hope you will enjoy this time too!

Music lessons at Barnes Farm Infant School

We are pleased to be able to offer small group/1-to-1 instrumental lessons at Barnes Farm Infant School provided by a team of high-quality tutors from Essex Music Services. Learning a musical instrument can have many positive effects on a child's social, personal, and educational development as well as giving them a great sense of enjoyment and achievement.

To book lessons, please request lessons via this online link by:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=676#/courselist/25>

This will only need to be completed once, and tuition will continue each term unless you choose otherwise. On average the sign-up process takes less than three minutes.

Lessons cost: **equivalent to £31.60 per hour** (from January 2022 to August 2022), e.g.



Lesson Length	Cost (term)	With Tuition Discount (66%)	Cost for LAC or prev LAC
15 minutes x 10 weeks	£79	£26.86	Free
20 minutes x 10 weeks	£105.33	£35.81	
30 minutes x 10 weeks	£158	£53.72	£26.86

[Click here](#) for further details about lessons with Essex Music Service.

Essex Music Services will match your child with the most appropriate tutor at your school and then **email you an invoice** to pay directly to them. Please note that if they do not receive the payment for the invoice, lessons cannot go ahead. This is a change to previous years so please ensure that payment comes to Essex Music Education Hub, not to your child's school.

You might also wish to apply for our [Tuition Discounts](#) (66% reduction in fees for low-income families), and free lessons available for Looked after Children/Children in Care.

We are also able to offer low cost [Instrument Hire](#) for any child in Essex. Applications for all of these can be made on our website.

We look forward to developing your child's love of music!

Teacher Led Clubs

Board Games Club – Mrs White



Over the last few weeks, we have enjoyed playing lots of different games together in Board Games Club. We have taught each other games like Jenga, Snakes and Ladders, Pop Up Pirate, Guess Who and Tiddly Winks. Next week we are hoping to try a game of Monopoly! The children have loved helping each other and making new friends.



[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. A leaflet will have been sent home with your child this week with a unique code for you to access their artwork. We hope that this will raise lots of money for the school to pay for items on our wish list as well as possible Christmas gifts for friends and relatives 😊

[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=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtIQndrnDdjNvRMvlYB6kGPA-IUNE81VllzSVZLV1FWV1pEWjc2RoxSTkgJSS4u>

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.

Lost Property

Starting next week and weather permitting, we will put out the lost property until the end of term. Please come and have a look to see if you recognise any items you may be missing.

Can I please **remind you to label all items that come into school**, as this way, should they go astray, we can return them? **PLEASE NOTE:** if unclaimed, the items in the lost property box will be either recycled or discarded.



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

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	Songs Last Approx 45 mins



	Singing Round the Tree Morning – 9.15am	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 Morning – 9.15am	Songs Last Approx 45 mins Details to Follow
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



