



Barnes Farm Infant School

# Newsletter

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14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Message from the Headteacher

### A Very Happy New Year to you All!

Welcome back to a new year and the start of the Spring Term. We have already been super busy at school since we returned and the term is packed of exciting learning opportunities. Last week, in assembly, we spoke about New Year Resolutions and what they mean. I shared my resolution which is to read more often this year. This included promising to read more often to the children in assembly. I asked the children to share some of their resolutions and here are some of them:

- To learn to hula hoop*
- Get better at riding my skateboards*
- To be better at magic tricks*
- To be more active*
- Brush my teeth better*
- Improve hockey skills*
- To be more brave (I really like this one linking to the [Capes of Success](#))*
- To help other children*
- Stop eating sweets*

There were some great resolutions from the teachers too, and we look forward to seeing if we can achieve our goals. Hootie and Barney will be helping us to have an 'I can attitude' to help us succeed!



Proud to be part of the 



### Update on Latest Guidance and School Measures

Parents and Carers would have received a 'Welcome Back' letter last week outlining new and continued measures in school linked to COVID. We will continue to send out updates to support Parents/Carers. Can I ask that you restrict coming into the school at this time unless invited into the building by a member of staff – Thank you.

### New and Old Buildings!

The new build is taking on quite a rapid transformation lately and we were very pleased to return to school to see the roof in place. It has been wonderful to watch the development of the site and there is real excitement in school about the potential the new building will bring to both Barnes Farm schools. The children will be invited back to the site to see the developments since their last visit soon.

Meanwhile, Mr Meldon has been very creative making sure that the older classrooms that will be demolished are maintained until the summer holiday when they will be removed. I loved the new boards on Owlets covering the older woodwork:



### [Applying for a Reception Place - September 2022](#)

We ran our final New to Reception Tours this week for those parents/carers with children due to start school in September 2022. For your child to start school in Reception 2022, you will need to complete your child's application by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022** if you have not already done so. To do this, please click on the link below:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

### [Applying for a Year 3 Place](#)

If you have a child in Year 2, you will need to apply for their place in Year 3. Children at Barnes Farm Infant School do not automatically transfer to Barnes Farm Junior School and you will need to complete your child's application by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022** if you have not already done so. To do this, please click on the link below:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

### [Parent Governor Positions](#)

Yesterday, the children would have come home with ballot papers for the School's Parent Governor role. Please check your child's book bag for this envelope with further details inside.

### [Parking in our Local Community](#)

As we start the new term, can I please 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. Please try not to park in the immediate side streets i.e., Petre Brook and Blacklock.

We are constantly getting lots of telephone calls and emails regarding the parking around the site and want to do everything we can to build strong relationships with the community and our Neighbours. We thank you in advance for being respectful of our residents as we start 2022.

Have a great weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



## What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

### Celebration Awards

#### BFIS Over and Above Focus



As the start of the new year begins, our school focus for the next few weeks will be 'S.L.A.N.T' so let's all work hard and make an extra special effort at our learning and have lots of fun whilst we follow the Owl Code and school values.



### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

#### Reception

Badger  
Fox  
Rabbit

Elsie  
Florence  
Elsie

#### Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

Megan  
Ben  
Zara



Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Isabella  
Isabelle P  
Erin

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Reception

Badger  
Fox  
Rabbit

Emily  
Theo  
Stanley

Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

Joseph  
Alfie  
Sebastian

Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Leah  
Harry  
Lucca

Owl Code Focus



**Be Your Best!**

Each week, we think about a focus of our school ethos in assembly and in class. This week, we are being our best! We are trying hard to follow our Owl Code and participate in our learning to the best of our ability. Mrs Shelsher read us 'The Magpie's Tale' in assembly to help us think about trying hard in everything we do. Well done BFIS!



## BFIS Health Champions



Our Health Champions now have their very important badges so that everyone in school knows who they are.

This week in assembly, Jack and Orla showed us how to do this weeks 'Personal Challenge'. Every time our Health Champions introduce a new challenge, we have added it below, so that you can practice at home too 😊

**Challenge 1: Tennis Ball**

How many times can you bounce and catch the tennis ball in 20 seconds?

## BFIS Learn a Language – Mrs Day



Reception are learning French as their learn a language focus this term. On Wednesday we had a special assembly to learn some facts about France. We then had a go at learning some French words. We learnt how to say hello, goodbye and thank you. If you would like to learn some French at home follow this link to a Super Mover dance all about French greetings.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1--ks2-mfl-french-greetings-with-ben-shires/zdpdvk7>



## Amazing Fundraising Event!



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.

## General Reminders

### Forest School



Please find below our planned dates for year groups to enjoy Forest School in the Spring term.



Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception

### **BFIS Nut Free School**



Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any items containing nuts in their packed lunch or if you are sending any other food into school.

### **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=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.



**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  
Rebecca Pascoe-Youell – Vice Chair of Governors – 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

Please note that with the current Government restrictions due to Covid these events may be subject to change or cancellation. We will keep you updated accordingly.

### **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

### **SPRING TERM 1**

<b>January/February</b>	<b>Behaviour Workshop – 9.10am</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly Barn Owl Class – 9.10am</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly Snowy Owl Class – 9.10am</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>KS1 SATS Workshop 9.15am – 10.00am</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>KS1 SATS Workshop 6.00pm – 7.00pm</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>KS1 Panathlon</b>	Invite Pupils Only



<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly</b> <b>Tawny Owl Class – 9.10am</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Week Beginning Monday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Last Week of Teacher Led Clubs</b>	
<b>Week Beginning</b> <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February to</b> <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children’s Mental Health Week</b>	More Details to Follow
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>	Information to Follow
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Cheerleading Competition</b>	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly</b> <b>Hedgehog Class – 9.10am</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last Day of Term	

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 3.15pm**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

