



Barnes Farm Infant School Newsletter

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17th December 2021

Message from the Headteacher

What a fantastic term we have seen at Barnes Farm Infant School. There has been so much covered from our curriculum and the children have certainly enjoyed their learning. We have seen so many achievements this term including Capes of Success, Certificates and much, much more.

There was a special visitor in school today and the children all received a gift – they really have been good this year!



Proud to be part of the  CLP

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 15th 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>

Reporting cases Covid over the Holidays

Please inform the school if your child returns a positive LFT or PCR within 48 hours after school closes (midnight on Sunday 19th December), please contact the BFIS Wellbeing Phone on **07850 903896** and leave a message - a member of staff will come back to you. This also includes tests taken during this period and results returned w/c 20th December.

We would encourage your child to continue to undertake twice weekly LFD tests during the school holiday and prior to returning to school in January.

If your child will be isolating at the start of the new school term due to a positive LFT/PCR result or is showing Covid symptoms, please report this on StudyBugs.

Parent Governor Nominations

Following on from my letter this week to parents/carers, we are looking for nominations for a Parent Governor. If you are interested, please see this week's communication. Nominations to be received by **Friday 7th January 2022**.

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.



[ParentPay Shop](#)



The introduction of our new ParentPay Shop function has been a huge success with us raising over **£150** with the sale of our Christmas Sweets in the short time that it has been open. A big thank you to all of the parent/carers that ordered items – we hope that you have enjoyed them. We will be utilising the shop function this to support fundraising and offer an easy way for you to book tickets to events etc.

All proceeds from Christmas Fundraising items will go towards purchasing items on our BFIS Wish List.

[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. Please try not to park in the immediate side streets i.e., Petre Brook and Blacklock.



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We are getting many 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.

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:

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

All that is left for me to say is have a wonderful holiday and a good break. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Wednesday 5th January at 8:45am** when the classroom doors reopen.

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 'Christmas Spirit and Working as a Team'. It was a joy to see them work together for their Christmas performances that we all enjoyed so much!



Reception

Badger
Fox
Rabbit

Giselle
Sophie
Florence

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Amelia
Daisy
Austin

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Orla
Lottie
Reggie

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.

Forest School



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



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

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=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtlQndrnDdjNvRMvlYB6kGPA-IUNE81VlIzSVZLV1FWV1pEWjc2RoxSTk9JSS4u>

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

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

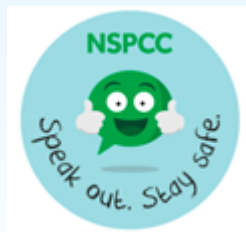


Mrs Z Farmer – Designated Safeguarding Lead



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

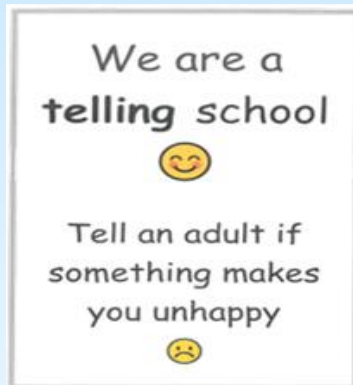
They know that the following things are NOT OK!

- 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

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 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

SPRING TERM 1

Tuesday 4th January	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	
Wednesday 5th January	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
Week beginning Monday 10th January	Booster Clubs Start	Year 1 and 2 Invite Only
Week Beginning Monday 10th January	Reception Teacher Led Clubs Start	Register ONE club only on ParentPay
W/C Monday 10th January	New to Reception 2022 Tours	Register your Interest – See Article Earlier in Newsletter
Wednesday 12th January	Otter Parent Consultations	Letter sent to Parents
Thursday 13th January	Otter Parent Consultations	Letter sent to Parents
Friday 14th January	Behaviour Workshop – 9.10am	More Information to Follow

