



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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15th September 2023

Message from the Headteacher

A Great First Full Week!

All children have settled well into their new classes and year groups. The Reception children are really adjusting to the new school routines and their independence and good manners at lunchtime have been a pleasure to see. Well done to Reception children for completing their first full week at school.


In Year 1 and 2, the children have started their new topics and are seeing if they can answer BIG QUESTIONS that the teachers have set them! These are questions that teachers ask the class at the beginning of a topic and the children need to try to successfully answer them by the end of the half term/term after they have completed their learning.

Diary of Events

The Diary of Events for the academic year is attached to the newsletter. It has been sent as an electronic copy to save on paper and protect the environment. However, if you would like a paper copy, please ask at the school office. A version of this can also be found on the website under the tab: **News and Events**

Please note that dates may change over the academic year as we have planned so far in advance, sometimes, we cannot foresee all possible changes!



Proud to be part of the  CLP

WOW – Walk to School

As a school, it is important that we are promoting walking to school. There are two reasons for this:

- 1) Healthy and happy children
- 2) Often the local roads can become blocked and unsafe through the number of cars in the local area at drop off and pick up times

We appreciate that several of our families need to drive to school because of the distance that families live from us. In these circumstances, we have an arrangement with ASDA that parents/carers can park at the far end of their car park at the beginning and end of the school day and the walk through at the back of the school to the field gate. This means that the local roads are not busy.

In school, we are involved in the Living Steets WOW initiative. This is where children track how they come to school and earn badges each month. The children can claim a WOW point daily by walking, riding a bike or using a scooter to get to school. If a child comes to school in a car but parks at ASDA, they can also claim a WOW point on the day, as this is called 'Park and Stride'. We really welcome support from you all to ensure that the roads are safe and as many of our children can claim a WOW badge each month!

Extra Curriculum Clubs

Clubs for this term will run for Year 1 and Year 2. Reception Children are invited to join extra curriculum clubs from the Spring Term onwards.

The clubs will start from week commencing 25th September and will run from 3.15pm – 4.00pm. Each child can only sign up for one club so all children can attend. If clubs do not fill up, we may open these up to others. See detailed below the clubs that will be running.

Teacher	Day	Club
Miss Dick	Monday	Reading
Mrs Gilbey	Tuesday	Gardening
Miss Farren	Tuesday	Gardening
Mrs White	Tuesday	Construction



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More details of how you can book your child a space will be sent by email on Monday 18th September.

You will need to use ParentPay to book a club, these will go live on ParentPay on Monday 18th September at 7.00pm. If you have any queries, please call the school office on 01245 467973.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farmer



Office Corner

Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
FROM THE OFFICE TEAM – Email – Flu Immunisations	All
FROM THE OFFICE TEAM – Email – External Club Flyer – Spec Training – Football	Year 1 and 2 Only
FROM MRS BENTHAM AND THE RECEPTION TEAM – Email/Letter/Leaflet – Reception Baseline Assessments	Reception Only
FROM MRS ROBINSON AND THE WELLBEING TEAM – Email – Introducing the Mental Health Support Team	All
FROM MRS ROBINSON – Email – Volunteer Recruitment Meeting	All



If you have not yet received an email to activate your child's Tapestry account, please contact the school office so that we can set this up for you.



ParentPay

REMINDER – please activate your ParentPay account, the letters with all the information have been sent home. Once activated, this will enable you to receive school communications, pay for Early Birds and Night Owls and school trips and book on to teacher led clubs and attend the workshops that we will be running this term.

If you have not received your letter or are having any difficulties activating your account, please let us know and we will help you to do this.

What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Celebration Awards

BFIS Over and Above School Focus



Each week, we reward the children for following our school ethos. This week we have been focusing on the 'Be Kind and Gentle' owl in our Owl Code



Friday 15th September 2023

Reception

Badger		Daisy
Rabbit		Emily
	<u>Year 1</u>	
Hedgehog		Linisha
Squirrel		Logan
Otter		Lily F
	<u>Year 2</u>	
Barn Owl		Robert
Snowy Owl		Stanley
Tawny Owl		Ned

BFIS Brilliant Volunteers – Introduction Morning on
Monday 18th September at 9:15am



We have a fantastic team of BFIS Volunteers who support the children with their reading, Maths and Forest School. If you would like to join us, we will be having a Volunteer Recruitment morning on Monday 18th September at 9:15am. Please come to the Main School Office on arrival. We hope to see lots of you there! 😊

Medication and Individual Care Plans

A big thank you to those parent/carers who have already brought into school any medication that their child may need to be administered during the school day. If your child requires long term medication (such as an EpiPen or asthma pump), please send this into school as soon as possible.



We are in the process of updating/writing individual care plans which will be sent to you over the next week. If you would like us to make any changes, please note these on the care plan and hand back to your child's class teacher. If you are not sure if your child needs a medical care plan, please contact Mrs Robinson. Thank you 😊

Special Educational Needs (SEN) and One Plan Meetings



Mrs Robinson is looking forward to meeting with parent/carers again this term to plan the provision for children with special educational needs for the year ahead. You will shortly receive an invitation to meet with Mrs Robinson. Please note that One Plan meetings for children in Reception will take place this half term and for children in Year 1 and 2 shortly after half term. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will direct you to the most appropriate member of staff.

BFIS SEN and Additional Needs and Support Workshop – Friday 6th October at 9:15am



We would like you to come and join us to find out all about our provision for children with additional needs at BFIS.

We hope that this will be an opportunity for you to come in and meet our Owlets Wellbeing Team, Mrs Robinson (SENCO), Mrs Webb (Family Support and Wellbeing Mentor) and Mrs Oakes (Social Skills Lead LSA) and Mrs Holden (Speech and Language Needs Lead LSA)

During the session, we will aim to give you an overview of the support and interventions available for ALL children at BFIS, as well as those on our SEN register. This will include the support we offer for children with English as an additional language, those with medical needs and those that are more able.



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There will be a short presentation followed by the opportunity for you to ask questions and to get to know our team.

We will also be introducing you to Rachel and Jazmin from the Mental Health Support Team who will be supporting us in school every Wednesday.

Please complete the form on the link below to let us know if you would like to attend.

[Microsoft Forms](#)

We hope you can join us 😊



Diary of Events

NON-PUPIL DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 – JULY 2024

Monday 4th September 2023 and Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 26th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Please note separate letters regarding Forest Schools will be sent to year groups and messages given in the weekly newsletters.

AUTUMN TERM 1

Monday 4 th September	Non-Pupil Day (Staff Only)	
Tuesday 5 th September	Non-Pupil Day (Staff Only)	
Wednesday 6 th September	Pupils Back	Doors open at 8.45am
Monday 18 th September	Volunteer Recruitment Workshop	Infant Hall at 9:15am
Tuesday 19 th September	Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Week Beginning Monday 25 th September	Teacher Led Clubs Start	Year 1 and 2 Only
Week Beginning Monday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival Food Donations Begin	Bring Items into class
Friday 6 th October	BFIS SEN and Additional Needs and Support Workshop 9.15am	Register on FORMS – See link
Tuesday 10 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly	
Wednesday 11 th October	New to Reception 2024 Talks 1 9.15am	Register on FORMS (link enclosed with email sent)
Friday 13 th October	Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk – School Council Event	Information to follow
Week Beginning Monday 16 th October	Parents Consultations	Infant School Hall Details to be Confirmed
Friday 19 th October	New to Reception 2024 Talks 2 2pm	Register on FORMS (link enclosed with email sent)
Thursday 19 th October	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm.
Friday 20 th October	Non-Pupil Day (Staff Only)	



**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM – Thursday 19th October 2023 at 3.15pm
(INSET DAY - Friday 20th October 2023)**

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 23rd October 2023 – Friday 27th October 2023

General Reminders

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.

Attendance for the Year

Our target for the year is **97%**. It is important that your child is in school for registration. 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 prior to the date of intended absence.

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. Items such as the one shown below contain nuts and should not be brought into school – thank you for your support.



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.



NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe



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

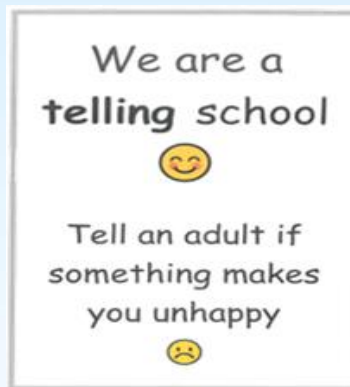
- speak out and be heard
- be safe
- get help when they need it



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

Matthew Musson – Vice Chair of Governors

Mrs Z. Farmer – Headteacher

Mrs K. Robinson – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor

Yvonne Spence – Community Governor

Geoff Walker – Community Governor

Tim Berrisford - Community Governor

