



Barnes Farm Infant School

# Newsletter

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6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Message from the Headteacher

### Consultation Update

Following the end of the consultation period on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, we can report that there was an overwhelmingly positive response to the process. Thank you to all those who submitted a response or provided feedback. As a result, the CLP will be proceeding with the application to the DfE for the proposed amalgamation in September 2024. We expect this to be processed by the end of the Autumn term when we will update you again.

### Welcome to...Sessions

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended our Welcome to ...talks for each year group which aimed to give you a glimpse of the academic year ahead for your child. For further information this year, please check the website for year group and class pages.

### Parent/Carer Consultations


Our Parent/Carer Consultations are taking place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (3.30pm to 6.00pm) and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (5.30pm to 8.00pm).

You will be able to book your consultation via our school website on the tab labelled 'Parent Consultation Bookings'. They will go live on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm.

Please select your child's class teacher/class from the tabs and make ONE appointment only.

If your child is on the SEN register, or you would like to discuss additional needs that your child has, please also make an appointment with Mrs Robinson.



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You will receive an email to confirm your booking. Please allow up to 10 minutes for this to arrive and check your junk mail. If you are having difficulties, please call the school office.

We look forward to meeting with you.

### Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk



Our annual Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk will be held during the school day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for children at our school. A communication via ParentPay and a sponsored form will be sent home this week. Start thinking now about fancy dress for the day!

### Rosie the Reading Dog

Rosie the Reading Dog and Mrs Sparrowhawk will be back in school on Wednesday next week to listen to the children read. We are very much looking forward to their return. If you do not wish for your child to read with Rosie, please let your child's class teacher know. Rosie will be listening to Year 2 next week.



Rosie the  
Reading Dog

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



## 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 Confident' owl in our Owl Code.



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Reception

Badger  
Rabbit

Miles  
Amelia

### Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

Theo  
Elsie  
Buddy

### Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Marcus  
Elsie  
Olivia



**BFIS Health Champions - Year 1 and 2**  
**Mrs Robinson and Mrs Rodgers**



At BFIS, we work hard to ensure that we have happy and healthy lunchtimes. Each year, two children from each class are chosen to help Mrs Robinson and Mrs Rodgers at lunchtimes as 'BFIS Health Champions'. The BFIS Health Champions have regular meetings with us to set active challenges for the children, award children who are following the Owl Code and improve lunchtimes by ordering resources and organising games.

In the past, the BFIS Health Champions have helped us to plan the Weekly Mile Track by measuring the site, choosing the colour of the mulch and checking on the contractors work when they were installing the track!

We are inviting the children to nominate themselves as a BFIS Health Champion by drawing a picture of what a happy, healthy lunchtime looks like and write a few sentences to say why they would make a good health champion. We would like them to do this at home and bring their picture and sentences to their class teacher who will pass them to us (grown-ups at home – we are happy for you to help the children with the writing).

We will then choose 2 BFIS Health Champions for each class and award them with their special Health Champion badges in assembly.

**BFIS SEN and Additional Needs and Support Workshop**



A big thank you to those parent/carers that joined us for our SEN workshop. We hope you found it useful. We will be running a series of workshops this year to support parent/carers. If you have any requests for a specific focus, please let Mrs Robinson know and we will do our best to arrange this. 😊



### Forest School Timetable 2023-2024

Sessions – Thursday	Year Group
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2nd Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1
16th Nov 23rd Nov 30th Nov 7th Dec	Reception

### Harvest – Mrs White



Many thanks to all those who have donated to our collection for Chelmsford Food Bank. Your generosity is very much appreciated by many local people who are finding themselves in difficult times. We are asking that all donations are in school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, ready for collection by the food bank. The suggested “shopping list” of items that are needed now was attached to last week’s newsletter. Thank you.



## Office Corner Page

### Letters and Flyers

Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
<b>FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Letter regarding Sponsored Walk</b>	ALL
<b>FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Go Live for Parent Consultation Bookings</b>	ALL
<b>FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Year 1 Forest School Dates</b>	Year 1

Also attached to this newsletter are two flyers from Essex Schools ITT Teacher Training Event.

### Extra Items Being Dropped at School Office

Can water bottles, lunch boxes, PE kits etc please try and arrive on time with your child in the morning, as you can appreciate the office gets very busy and we cannot always guarantee delivery. If your child does forget their water bottle, we have cups in school and will provide them with water throughout the day. Thank you very much for your continued support.



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 LETTERS WERE SENT HOME THIS WEEK AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PARENTS THAT HAVE NOT ACTIVATED THEIR PARENTPAY - please activate your ParentPay account, the letters with all the information have been sent home again.

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.



### Flu Immunisation Catch Up Sessions

We have now had confirmation that the immunisation team will not be coming back into school to complete a 'mop-up' session for those pupils that did not receive their immunisation. They have however, said that if parents would like to contact them on 0300 790 0597 or email them on [epunft.mid-immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:epunft.mid-immunisations@nhs.net). See flyer below.

The flyer is for 'Flu Vaccination Catch Up Clinics' for primary school aged children. It features a cartoon dinosaur character on the left with the text 'Protect - asaurus'. The top right corner has the NHS logo and 'Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust'. The main title is 'FLU VACCINATION CATCH UP CLINICS' in large white letters, with 'FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN' below it. The text says: 'We are running flu vaccination catch up clinics throughout Essex for primary school aged children. For more information on the clinics and to book an appointment please contact the immunisation team on 0300 790 0597. To find out more about the flu vaccination, scan the QR code or visit: nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/'. There is a QR code and the hashtag #DOYOURBIT at the bottom left, and 'EP0996' at the bottom right.

### Essex Active Clubs – Half Term Holiday

Please see below copy of flyer sent to parents/carers by email.

The flyer is for 'Essex Active Clubs – Half Term Holiday'. It features logos for Essex County Council, Essex Basketball Council, and Active Essex. The main title is 'ACTIVATE Half Term' with a basketball player illustration. The main message is 'BOOK ONTO A FREE HALF TERM CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!'. Below this, it states: 'Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!'. It includes sections for 'IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?', 'WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?', 'WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?', and 'HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?'. At the bottom, there is a red button that says 'Find out more about October half term clubs and book on here.' with a magnifying glass icon.



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



### 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

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Assembly	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	New to Reception 2024 Talks 1 9.15am	Register on FORMS (link on Website)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk – School Council Event	Information Sent Home
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (3.30pm to 6.00pm) Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October (5.30pm to 8.00pm)	Parents Consultations	Held in your Child's Class Information Sent Home on how to Register – 'go live' Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	New to Reception 2024 Talks 2 2pm	Register on FORMS (link on Website)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Pupil Day (Staff Only)	

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 3.15pm  
(INSET DAY - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023)**





HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

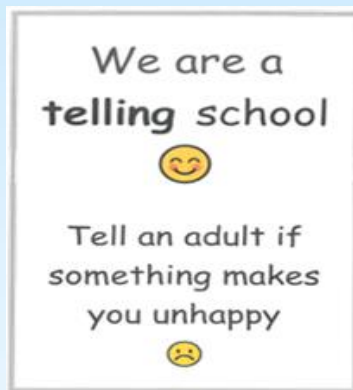
They know that the following things are NOT OK!

- 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  
Mrs K. Jukes – Office Administrator and Staff Governor  
Geoff Walker – Community Governor  
Tim Berrisford - Community Governor

