



Barnes Farm Infant School Newsletter

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13th October 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk




We had so much fun today completing our fancy-dress sponsored walk. Thank you to everyone who took part in this and made it so much fun! We are hoping to raise money to improve reading areas around the school.



Harvest Festival Celebrations

A big thank you to everyone that made our Harvest Festival celebration so wonderful. The Reception children joined us for their first whole school assembly and contributed by singing to the older children the song Dingle Dangle Scarecrow! We were treated to poetry reading from Year 1, lots of fun songs and some sharing of work by Year 2 which helped us to learn why Harvest celebrations are really important. We were also joined by Reverend Andy who told us about farmers he worked with when he lived in Devon.



Proud to be part of the  CLP



We took the opportunity to use this celebration to also collect food donations for the Chelmsford Foodbank – thank you to everyone that contributed to this.



Parent/Carer Consultations

REMINDER TO BOOK, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY

Our Parent/Carer Consultations are taking place on Wednesday 18th October (3.30pm to 6.00pm) and Thursday 19th 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'.

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.

If you are having difficulties, please call the school office.

We look forward to meeting with you.

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 Your Best' owl in our Owl Code.



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Reception

Badger
Rabbit

Izabela
Leyton

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Delilah
Beatriz
Poppy

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Emily
Sophie
Lewis



BFIS Health Champions - Year 1 and 2
Mrs Robinson and Mrs Rodgers -
Closing Date for entries - Wednesday 18th October 2023



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 after half term. A big thank you to everyone who has sent in their nominations so far 😊

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 th Oct 19 th Oct 2nd Nov 9 th Nov	Year 1
16th Nov 23rd Nov 30th Nov 7th Dec	Reception

Office Corner Page

Letters and Flyers

Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Parent Consultation Details	ALL
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Cancellation of Yr 1 and Yr2 Teacher Led Clubs	Year 1 and 2
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Register for School Photographs	All
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – National Measurement Programme	Reception

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.

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

Wednesday 18th October (3.30pm to 6.00pm)	Parents Consultations	Held in your Child's Class Confirmation labels stuck in reading record books.
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Thursday 19 th October (5.30pm to 8.00pm)		
Thursday 19 th October	New to Reception 2024 Talks 2 2pm	Register on FORMS (link on Website)
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:



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- 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

