



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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19th October 2023

Message from the Headteacher

I would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to our BFIS community for such a lovely start to this academic year. The children have been amazing, and the learning already taken place this year is marvellous. The children are happy and content in the classroom and this is being reflected in the standard of learning taking place.

When I look back on this half term, we have a lot to smile about. We like to use the tagline **#bfismakememories** and we certainly have created some wonderful moments so far, including our Harvest assembly and Sponsored Walk Day.

Parents Consultation Evenings


Thank you to all the parents/carers that booked onto this week's consultation evenings. If you were unable to make the dates, please speak to your child's class teacher about their targets.

Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk



Thank you for all the parents, carers and family members that have already returned sponsor money to the school. We will be collecting this up until **Friday 3rd November**.



Proud to be part of the  CLP

Poppy Appeal

We will be holding a Remembrance Assembly in school in November. We have had poppies delivered to the school; these will be going on sale for the children to purchase from Monday 30th October by placing a donation in the collection box. Year 2 will come round to the classes to collect the money and give out the poppies.

The school is now closed for the half term to pupils until **8:45am on Monday 30th October** when classroom doors open.

Have a lovely holiday,
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 'Be a Team' from our owl code, for always trying to show green behaviour and helping in the classroom.



Thursday 19th October 2023

Reception

Badger
Rabbit

Stanley
Max

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Israel
Luna
Aiden

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Jacob
Emma
Harry



Forest School Timetable 2023-2024

Detailed below are the final Forest Schools sessions for this term.

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 Gym Information with Mrs Webb	All
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Reminder to Pay and Consent to Year 2 Trip – Braintree Museum	Year 2
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – External Clubs for Year 1 and Year 2	Year 1 and 2

Lost Property

We already have several unnamed items of lost property. Each class has its own lost property box. If you are missing garments, can you please make sure that you check in the boxes if you are missing anything. Can we please remind you to label **ALL GARMENTS** so they can be reunited with their owner.

Teacher Led Clubs

Teacher led clubs have now finished for the half term. They will continue week commencing Monday 30th October.



School Photographs - Reminder

On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd November Carmel Jane will be coming to school to take our school photographs. Please ensure your child comes ready for their photo on both days. Please remember to sign up with Carmel Jane if you haven't done so already.

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 2

Monday 30th October	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
Week Beginning Monday 6th November	Teacher Led Clubs Start	Year 1 and 2 Only
Thursday 2nd November	School Photographs	Both Infant and Junior School
Friday 3rd November	School Photographs	Both Infant and Junior School
Monday 6th November	New to Reception 2024 Application window opens	Information on the Website
Friday 10th November	New to Reception 2024 Talks 9.15am	Register on FORMS (link enclosed with email sent)
Friday 10th November	RSE Workshop 9.15am	All parents/carers



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Monday 20th November	New to Reception 2024 Talks 2pm	Register on FORMS (link enclosed with email sent)
Tuesday 21st November	ECC Road Safety Workshop for Reception	Reception Classes
Friday 1st December	Year 2 Dress like a Victorian Day	All Year 2 to come into school as a Victorian
Wednesday 6th December	Year 1 - Concert to Parents/Carers Morning – 9.15am Afternoon – 1.45pm	Information to Follow
Thursday 7th December	Year 1 - Concert to Parents/Carers Morning – 9.15am	Information to Follow
Thursday 7th December	Movie and Munch (straight after school)	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on ParentPay
Week Beginning Monday 11th December	Last week of Teacher Led Clubs	Year 1 and 2 Only
Wednesday 13th December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers	9.15am
Thursday 14th December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers	2.15pm
Monday 18th December	Reindeer Day	Whole School
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Craft Day	
Monday 18th December	Year 2 - Singing Around the Christmas Tree	Year 2 Parents/Carers 3.30pm (Infant Playground)
Wednesday 20th December	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm.

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAY – Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 3.15pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Wednesday 21st December 2023 – Wednesday 4th January 2024



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=Wb7gyEmbSb8>

Follow us on Twitter?

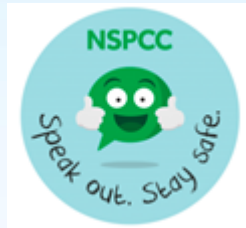


If you have a Twitter account, why not follow our school... **@FarmBarnes**

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.



NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe



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

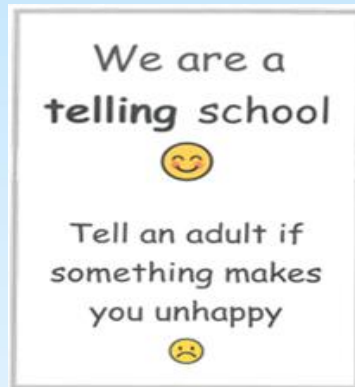
- speak out and be heard
- be safe
- get help when they need it

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

