



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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17th November 2023

Message from the Headteacher

We have had another very busy week in school and are starting to plan our end of term festive celebrations.

BFIS Fundraising



Once again, this year we are hoping to have some very special events to celebrate Christmas in school. To allow us to provide magical experiences for the children, we will be fundraising over the next few weeks. We have sent a letter to explain our festive events and to ask for your help in raising monies to go towards these. We hope that you will support us in making it a magical Christmas at BFIS again this year.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November - Update




The Great SPOTacular!

Thank you to all those that supported Children in Need today through either dressing up and/or donating. It was wonderful to see the amount of support in school for this good cause. If you would still like to donate, this can be done via the link below:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



Proud to be part of the  CLP

Remembrance Day



In school, we have been learning about Remembrance Day and why it is so important. On Friday 10th November, we marked the day by holding a special assembly and held a 1 minute silence. Mrs Webb, Mrs White and Mrs Bennett made a beautiful display to share with the children to help them understand why we buy poppies at this time of year, and what they represent. I would like to thank Year 2 for doing such a wonderful and important job of selling the poppies provided by the Royal British Legion and also thank the children that bought these too.

Mrs Farmer



Celebration Awards

BFIS Over and Above School Focus

Each week, we reward the children for following our school ethos.

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This week we have been focusing on our
'Cape of Success – Bravery – Be Brave and Ask for Help'



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Rose
Rabbit		Bobby
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Jett
Squirrel		Lexi
Otter		Millie
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Samuel
Snowy Owl		Blousey
Tawny Owl		Sophie



Friday 10th November 2023

This week we have been focusing on our 'Cape of Success – Perseverance'



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Deniz
Rabbit		Evie
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Kaiden
Squirrel		Noah
Otter		Winnie
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Henry
Snowy Owl		Ellie
Tawny Owl		Ethan

A Correction to Previous Week's Certificate – 'Be Your Best'

Class	Year Group	Name
	Year 1	
Squirrel		George T



What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Anti-Bullying Week – Mrs Robinson



The children have learnt about what bullying is in assembly with Mrs. Robinson and that this year's focus is 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. We talked about how bullying is when you hurt someone on purpose, over and over again and that it is not when an unkind thing happens only once.

We found out that it can happen face to face with actions or with words, or online through a phone, tablet or computer. In our PSHE lessons, we have been reflecting on why it is important to be kind and inclusive both in and out of school, and how our Owl Code helps us to do this.

Relationships and Sex Education Workshop – A BIG Thank You!



We had excellent attendance at our RSE workshop last week and hope that those who attended found it useful. We will shortly be sending out an evaluation form and we would really appreciate it if those who attended could complete this, so that we can further improve any workshops that we deliver in the future. Once again, a big thank you for coming along. You can find more information about our RSE Policy on the school website via the link below:

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=BFIS+Relationships+and+Sex+Education&pid=588>



BFIS School Council



In assembly last week, the new School Council members were awarded their lanyards and shields (badges) to wear with pride this year. They have already taken on the very important role of reminding everyone about our Owl Code in assembly and will be meeting with Mrs Robinson and Mrs Webb next week to talk about our Christmas Movie and Munch to raise money for our Christmas activities and items on our wish list. They are already showing that they are very dedicated to the role and have got off to a fantastic start! Well done 😊

Our Key Stage 1 School Council are...

Hedgehog Class	Alex and Linisha
Otter Class	Leo and Isla
Squirrel Class	Luna and Zayd
Barn Owls	Blake and Emily
Snowy Owls	Elijah and Finley
Tawny Owls	Alexa and Bella

Our Reception School Council will be chosen after Christmas 😊

Forest School Timetable 2023-2024

Detailed below are the final Forest School sessions for this term. There were two sessions cancelled for Year 1 and Year 2. More information on the two dates to follow.

Sessions – Thursday	Year Group
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 – School Photographs are Live	All
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Puddle Suits	All
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Festive Events and Fundraising	All
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Reception Road Safety Workshop	Reception

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.

Information from the Admissions Team – Reception Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2024

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 6th November 2023, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

From Monday 6th November, applications can be made on line via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
All application information is available on the website detailed above.

Even if parents already have a sibling at the school, they need to apply if they have a child due to start Reception in September.

Information from the Admissions Team – Year 2 – 3 Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2024

Parents of current Year 2 children at the Infant school need to make a formal application to the Council for a Year 3 place and can do so via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.



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The junior school (Year 3) admission round opened on Monday 6th November 2023, for parents of children to apply for a junior school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

From Monday 6th November, applications can be made on line via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
All application information is available on the website detailed above.

If your child attends Barnes Farm Infant School they **WILL NOT** automatically get a place at Barnes Farm Junior School, you **WILL** need to apply.



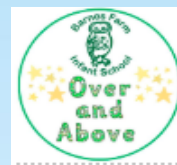
REMINDER TO SIGN UP

Studybugs is an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence and allows for quick and easy dialogue between yourselves and the school. The main benefit of this system is that it is app based so users of the app will no longer need to phone into school to report illness. Studybugs is fully integrated with our school systems and so information is up to date and easy to manage. If you have not already done so, please download the app or register at (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>) it's free.





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

(ALL TAKEN)

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

AUTUMN TERM 2

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
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day	More Information to Follow



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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 – Thursday 21st December 2023 – Thursday 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>



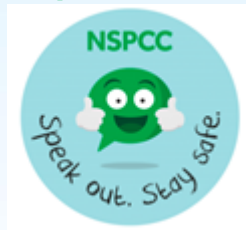
[Follow us on Twitter?](#)

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:

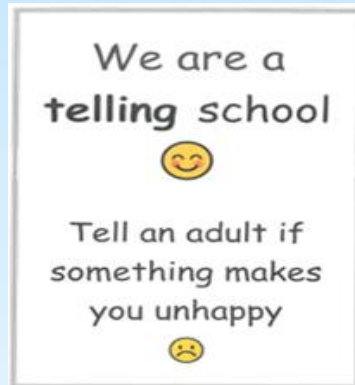
- speak out and be heard
- be safe
- get help when they need it

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

