



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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26th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Barn Owl Class Assembly

Today, Barn Owl Class were able to share their topic learning with parents and carers in their class assembly. It was lovely to see how the class worked together and produced a packed assembly to share their learning with others. I really enjoyed the enthusiastic singing from the children and have had the words, 'Fire! Fire!' continuously going around in my head for the remainder of the morning! The class shared their striking artwork too.




Celebrating Achievement

The children know that Friday is my favourite assembly day because it is a celebration assembly. In addition to our certificates in assembly, there are many ways that the children have been celebrated with their learning achievements. If your child lets you know that they have received a Golden Time Square or a Cape of Success in school, this is a brilliant achievement, and they should be very proud of themselves.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farmer



Proud to be part of the 



Celebration Awards

BFIS Over and Above School Focus

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

Friday 26th January 2024

This week we have been focusing on our owl code and working together as a team.



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Maisie
Rabbit		Sofia
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Brielle
Squirrel		Isaac
Otter		Jaxon
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		The Whole Class
Snowy Owl		Emma
Tawny Owl		Joshua



What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Children's Mental Health Week



As you will know, wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do here at BFIS. Our main aim is for our children to be happy and healthy so that they can 'Be their Best'.

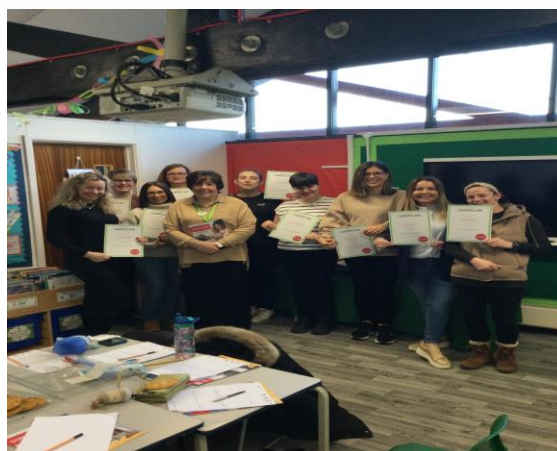
To celebrate and raise awareness of how we can stay happy and healthy, we are acknowledging Children's Mental Health week w/c 5th February.

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week this year is **"My Voice Matters"** and we will be empowering children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

We have arranged a wonderful week of wellbeing activities for the children and will send a letter to let you know about our exciting events early next week.



Parent/Carer Workshops ParentGym



A huge congratulations to our 'ParentGym' group who have completed the sessions with Mrs Webb. As part of our BFIS offer to support family wellbeing and mental health, 12 parent/carers attended the 6-week programme focusing on the following themes:

'Chat' - Get you and your child talking and listening in a positive way every day.

'Love' - Boosting your child's confidence, with a balance between closeness and independence.

'Behave' - Bring calm to your family with rules and routines that really work.

'Care' - Keep yourself and your family healthy and happy with good sleep, eating and exercise.

'Discover' - Help develop healthy learning habits with your child, including managing screen time.

'Together' - Keep your family feeling happy, supported and loved.

The sessions were very well received and had a lovely, supportive community feel for all involved. Due to the success, we will be running the sessions again later in the term. If you are interested in finding out more information, please speak to Mrs Webb.



A big thank you to all of the parent/carers that attended our 'Supporting your child when they show challenging behaviour' workshop delivered by the Mental Health Support Team. We hope you found it useful and it was wonderful to see everyone supporting each other.

We have a few more workshops coming up over the next few weeks and we would love to see as many parent/carers as possible attending.

Unfortunately, due to the sensitive nature of the 'Contenance' and 'Supporting your child with managing worries' workshops we will not be able to accommodate younger siblings at these sessions.

Children's Contenance Service – Parent/Carer Workshop

Tuesday 30th January at 9:30am (approx.1.5 hours) - Supporting your child with toilet training advice.



Children's Continence Service

NHS
Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

TOILET TRAINING SESSIONS

What is a CCA?

CCA is a Children's Continence Advisor.

Who do we work with?

We offer toilet training advice, support and early intervention from the age of 18 months where it is known or anticipated there may be difficulties with toilet training.

We also undertake clinic-based one to one sessions in toilet training for children aged 4 and above who have been referred into the service.



Who do we work with?

The service is offered in Mid and South Essex either face to face in various community clinics or by telephone, if appropriate. Clinics are also offered in Special Schools, Support Groups, Pre-schools, Community Centres, etc.

How can you contact us?

Telephone our admin and leave a message for the CCA team on 01702 372073

The telephone line is staffed from 9.00am - 3.00pm Monday to Friday, with 24-hour voicemail facility.
Or email us: epunft.ccs@nhs.net

Useful websites and videos:

Eric: eric.org.uk

Bladder & Bowel UK: bbuk.org.uk

The Poo Nurses:

youtu.be/9WqxJqLmKao

Useful app:

For Great Things To



Pooland

CoramLife – SCARF PSHE Workshop



To launch Children's Mental Health Week (w/c 5th February 2024), we would like to invite you to a workshop to find out about our exciting approach to our Personal, Social, Health Education.

This workshop will take place in the Infant School Hall on Tuesday 6th February at 2:45pm with Mrs Robinson and Katy Daly and Nancy Hughes from CoramLife. Katy and Nancy will also be delivering workshops for the children on Monday and Tuesday during the week in the very exciting LifeSpace Tent.

Mental Health Support Team – Parent/Carer Workshop



Wednesday 7th February at 9:15am (approx.1.5 hours) - Supporting your child with managing worries



Forest School Timetable - 2024

See below the timetable for Forest schools.

DATE	YEAR GROUP
1 st February	Year 1
8 th February	Year 1
15 th February	Year 1
29 th February	Year 1
7 th March	Reception
14 th March	Reception
21 st March	Reception
28 th March	Reception

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Letters and Flyers

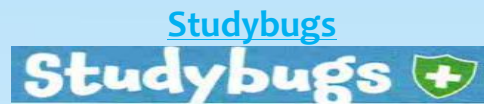
Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
FROM MRS ROBINSON – Email – Essex Local Offer Roadshows	All
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Tawny Owl Class Assembly	TO
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Forest School Year 1	Year 1
FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM – Email – PSHE Workshop	All
FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM – Email – Eden Oasis Animal Experience	All

Lost Property

Could you please make sure that all items of uniform and clothing is clearly labelled. We have a very large box of lost property left after each term which we cannot reunite with owners and therefore must be reused for spare or discarded.





REMINDER TO SIGN UP

Can we please remind those parents who have not signed up to do so.

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

**NON-PUPIL DAYS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2024 – JULY 2025**

Monday 2nd September 2024 and Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 6th January 2025
Monday 24th February 2025
Friday 23rd May 2025



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

SPRING TERM (Term 3)

Friday 2 nd February	Parent and Carer Assembly Tawny Owl Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Week Beginning Monday 5 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week	All Week (activities)
Monday 5 th February	SCARF LifeSpace Workshop For parents/carers	2.30pm
Monday 5 th February and Tuesday 6 th February	SCARF LifeSpace Workshop	All year groups
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 8 th February	Reception and Year 1 Yoga Day	Reception and Year 1
Friday 9 th February	Year 2 - Yoga Morning 9am – 11.30am	Year 2
Friday 16 th February	Parent and Carer Assembly Snowy Owl Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Friday 16 th February	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm.

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM – Friday 16th February 2024 at 3.15pm

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 19th February 2024 – Friday 23rd February 2024
(INSET DAY - Monday 26th February 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=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 S Merrick – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor
Mrs K Jukes – Office Administrator and Staff Governor
Geoff Walker – Community Governor
Tim Berrisford - Community Governor

