



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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2nd February 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Tawny Owl Class Assembly

Tawny Owl Class certainly made us very proud today. Performing in a packed-out hall, the children spoke and sang with confidence. It was lovely to see how much the children enjoyed the topic and certainly there are some budding historians in the class! The children not only showcased their own individual artwork but we were also able to view an incredibly large-scale whole class drawing of a burning London. Thank you to everyone that joined the assembly today to give the children the experience of speaking and singing in front of an audience – I hope you enjoyed the assembly as much as I did.

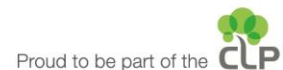
Parent Consultations – Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 29th February

Our Parent/Carer Consultations are taking place on Wednesday 28th February (3.30pm to 6.00pm) and Thursday 29th February (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 12th February 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, which you will find under the same tab. 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 any difficulties, please email the school office on admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk.

Open Door Policy

I wanted to remind all parents and carers that if they have a concern, worry or question, then to please speak to the class teacher who will be happy to listen. There are many ways that this can



be done – at drop off and pick up times with the class teacher, by calling into the school or via email to the admin@ account. If we can support home-school relationships in any way and make them stronger, we are always willing to do this. Your child’s class teacher will always be the first point of contact to support anything that may arise. In addition to this, there are additional adults around the school site at pick up and drop off times that will be more than happy to help you too.

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.

Friday 2nd February 2024

This week we have been focusing on our owl code and being confident.



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Elliot
Rabbit		Alex
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Fifi
Squirrel		Amber



Otter		Lily W
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Nyla
Snowy Owl		Nancy
Tawny Owl		The Whole Class

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, which you would have received.



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
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



Office Corner Page

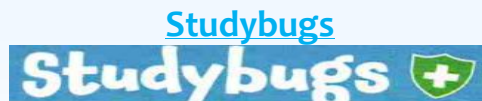
Letters and Flyers

Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Snowy Owl Class Assembly	SO
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Year 2 Walk to the Church	Year 2
FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM – Email – REMINDER PSHE Workshop	All
FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM – Email – Children’s Mental Health Week at School	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.

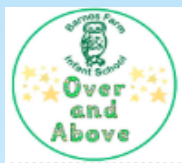


REMINDER TO SIGN UP

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 downloaded 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)

Week Beginning Monday 5th February	Children's Mental Health Week	All Week (activities)
Monday 5 th February and Tuesday 6 th February	SCARF LifeSpace Workshop	All year groups
Tuesday 6 th February	SCARF LifeSpace Workshop For parents/carers	2.45pm – 3.15pm See Previous Communication Sent
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day	
Wednesday 7 th February	Eden Oasis Animal Experience	Reception and Year 1 Contribution of £3.50 via ParentPay



Thursday 8 th February	Yoga Day	All Year Groups (Please make sure PE Kit is in school)
Thursday 8 th February	Mini First Aid	Year 2
Thursday 8 th February	Forest School Sessions	Year 1
Friday 9 th February	Yoga Day	All Year Groups (Please make sure PE Kit is in school)
Friday 9 th February	Wear Your SCARF to School Day	Whole School
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)**

SPRING TERM (Term 4)

Monday 26 th February	Non-Pupil Day (Staff Only)	
Tuesday 27 th February	Pupils Back	Doors Open at 8.45am

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

