



Barnes Farm Infant School Newsletter

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16th February 2024

Message from the Headteacher


Snowy Owl Class Assembly

Dancing, singing and speaking – all in front of an audience! This was the task today for Snowy Owl class and they were brilliant. The children had the opportunity to share their learning from The Great Fire of London topic. The class demonstrated great teamwork throughout the assembly – well done Snowy Owls.

Our New Forest School Area is being Built!

You may have noticed our new fenced area in the grounds. We are building our new forest school area and are excited to see this first step in developing the area. This space will become a wonderful zone for forest school and group activities to take place with lots of lovely resources.



Proud to be part of the  CLP



WOW – Walk to School Badges

Well done to all the children that logged enough walking to school points in January that received a WOW badge. It was lovely to see so many being distributed for the month. Class teachers will continue to track and support the children to achieve the next WOW badge.



Uniform Optional Day Friday 16th February

Many thanks from the PTA for helping to raise:

☆ £521.24 ☆

There was lots of lovely feedback to the PTA team too with parents and carers letting them know children took pride in their appearance and were eager to get to school this morning. Thank you very much to the PTA who have done a brilliant job to raise funds for the school.

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). If you haven't booked a consultation, please visit 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, 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.

Have a lovely half term,
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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We are very proud of the children – the teachers will be adding their own reasons!!



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Penny
Rabbit		Leyla
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Savannah



Our children's mental health week was amazing. We met Harold himself, did yoga and held some interesting creatures.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year with Rose. We learnt all about why it is celebrated, and Rose shared some beautiful pictures of her family celebrating at home. Thank you for all of your home learning and your reading at home. This is making a big impact on the children and their learning in school. Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Bentham, Miss Dick and Mrs Shelsher.

Kung Hei Fat Choi



Forest School - Year One



Year One has been enjoying exploring the outside and using teamwork skills to build shelters in Forest School. Here is a picture of an amazing shelter built by Otters!

Forest School fun in year 1 – balancing, rope work and art using nature.





Forest School Timetable - 2024

See below the timetable for Forest schools.

DATE	YEAR GROUP
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 – REMINDER Parent Consultations	ALL
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Snowy Owl Assembly Letter	SO
FROM THE WELL BEING TEAM – Email – ACL Family Learning Courses	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.

Studybugs



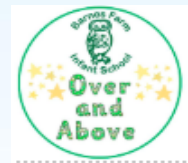
REMINDER TO SIGN UP

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)

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
Wednesday 28 th February and Thursday 29 th February	Parents Consultations	Children's Class Information Sent Out
Wednesday 28 th February	All In Event Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre	Invited Children to Only Attend
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Children to dress up as their favourite book character.

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>

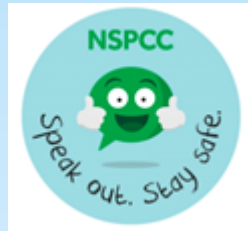
Follow us on Twitter?

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

