



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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22nd March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Squirrel Assembly

Well done to Squirrel Class for putting on an amazing class assembly this week. There was a packed hall of visitors which did not phase the class and the children really showcased to the audience their term's learning. I was very impressed with the standard of art work seen. Thank you as always to all the parents, carers and friends that joined us on this day.

Cross Country Success




Well done to all of the children who ran in the cross-country races last week. The children represented the school brilliantly and I was very proud of them all - well done! A special congratulations to Carolina, who came 1st place in the year 1 girls' race.

Beat the Street

Well done to everyone that is taking part in the Beat the Street competition. We are doing brilliantly as an Infant school and are getting our steps in! Thank you to all that are involved with the children and who have signed up to walk for our school. Keep up the great work...I mean great walking...and let's see what amazing things we can achieve as a school community.



Proud to be part of the  CLP

Primary Update

This week, you will have received the first issue of the primary update. I aim to send out regular communication regarding the steps being taken behind the scenes ready for the successful opening in September.

A Message from the PTA

The PTA will be offering more delicious chocolate Barnes Bars for sale after school on Thursday 28th March. There are still lots of prizes to be won and delicious chocolate to be enjoyed, while also raising funds for the Summer Fete. Bars cost £2.50 each and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Prizes will also be available for collection so if you got a Golden Ticket last time but didn't get the chance to collect your prize, now's your chance!

Easter Flumpets for Farleigh Hospice

The office, situated in the junior school, are selling adorable Farmyard Easter Flumpets on behalf of our local charity - Farleigh Hospice, for a suggested donation of £2 each. The items can be purchased for cash directly in school. You can visit the front office with your child at the beginning or end of the day with your £2 donation to get your Flumpet! They will be on sale up until Easter and for the first few days after the break too. All proceeds will go towards Farleigh Hospice.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farmer



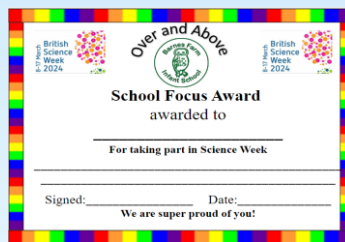
Celebration Awards

BFIS Over and Above School Focus

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

Friday 14th March 2024

This week's school focus award is – 'British Science Week' for taking part in science week.



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Daisy
Rabbit		Renaë
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Whole Class
Squirrel		Elena
Otter		Teddy
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Akain
Snowy Owl		Elijah
Tawny Owl		Harvey

Friday 22nd March 2024

This week we have been focusing on 'Kind and Gentle' from our owl code.





Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		George R
Rabbit		Leyla
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Theo
Squirrel		Whole Class
Otter		Rokas
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Elsie
Snowy Owl		Nikol
Tawny Owl		Florence

What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Easter Competition – Mrs White



Our Easter Bonnet competition is something of a tradition, so we will be continuing with it this year. If your child would like to be part of the competition, please could they make their bonnet or hat at home and then bring it in by Tuesday 26th March ready for judging on Wednesday 27th. There will be a small prize for the best bonnet in each year group. Get creative, have fun and the very best of luck!



Easter Movie and Munch

Our termly Movie and Munch is always a much-loved event in school. Many thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser, we always raise lots of money for our BFIS Wish List. Also, a big thank you to the many staff who gave up their own time to support the event.

Forest School Timetable - 2024

See below the timetable for Forest schools.

DATE	YEAR GROUP
28 th March	Reception

Stikins Name Labels



For every order of Stikins name labels, our PTA will receive 30% commission. Each child, from both schools, will receive 5 free samples to use from after Easter and parents then have the choice to order. The PTA will receive a cheque annually, the first one will be paid in November 2024, following any orders our parents make. OUR FUNDRAISING NUMBER IS 1344.

Owlets – Toys and Games



We would be very grateful to receive any good condition toys and games to use in our Owlets Room and in the playground at Lunchtimes. If you have any of the following at home that you are no longer playing with, we would really appreciate it if you could bring them into school:



Arts and Crafts materials (especially if you have any old wallpaper that we can draw on)

Wooden Puzzles

Cars and vehicles

Dolls and any doll accessories such as buggies, clothes etc.

Action Figures and small world animals

Barbie type dolls

Construction toys such as Lego, Building Blocks, Meccano etc.

Musical Instruments

Board Games

Dressing Up Clothes

Tabletop games such as air hockey, table-top football, table tennis etc.

A BIG thank you in advance 😊

Science Week – Otter Class



This Week has been Science Week in Year 1! Otters have created Moths using Salt Dough and Investigated the time it would take to find them once they had been camouflaged using natural materials.

Well done Otters!

Year 2 - Science Week

In Year 2 we have been continuing to explore world habitats, with a focus on rain forests. As it was British Science Week, we also conducted an experiment to find out whether different foods added to jellies would affect how long it took for them to set. We talked about how to make the



test fair and used a control jelly to compare to the others. We made predictions, observed and recorded the results. Some of us were surprised by what happened! Good work, scientists!

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 – Polite Reminder Regarding Dogs on Premises	All
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Easter Competition	All
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Primary School Parent Carer Update	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

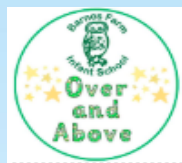


REMINDER TO SIGN UP

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 4)

Monday 25 th March	KS1 Tag Rugby Writtle College Sports Field	Invited Children Only to Attend
Tuesday 26 th March	National Epilepsy Day	
Thursday 28 th March	Parent and Carer Assembly Otter Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS – Thursday 28th March 2024 at 3.15pm

EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 1st April 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024



SUMMER TERM 5

Monday 15 th April	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
Monday 6 th May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	
May	KS1 Assessment Weeks	

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:

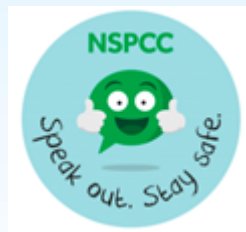
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb7gvEmbSb8>

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

