

# Barnes Farm Infant School

## Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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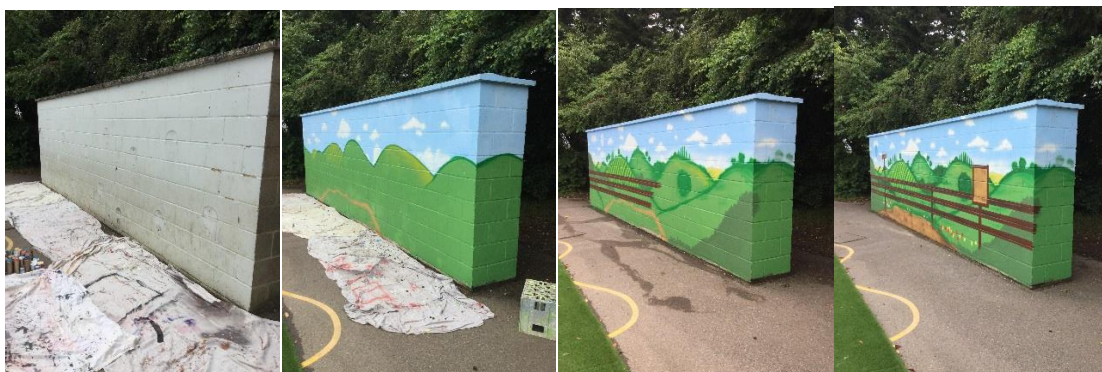
### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. We have had a great start back to the half term. I was so proud of the Year 2 children this week when they brought home a silver placing in the Mini Olympics plus two individual medals. You can read more about the event and the individual successes below. Thank you to all the adults that went to watch them.

The Badger Class assembly was **FANTASTIC** this morning. The PowerPoint of the year's learning to date was amazing and captured the wonderful and imaginative work from the class this year. The children spoke and sang beautifully. I still have the tunes going around my mind as I am sure a lot of our visitors do to!

You may have noticed that the wall on the playground has started to take shape. Phase one is now finished and phase two (adding farm animals) will hopefully be completed by the end of the term. Danny Bench, local artist, tried his hardest to complete the wall ready for the children's return this Monday but the rain over half term was not kind to him!



We have welcomed some of our new pupils and parents for September into the school this week. Below are dates and timings of the transition sessions that are scheduled for current pupils.

#### New to EYFS Talks

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June @ 9:10am

#### New to Year One Talks

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June @ 9:15am *or*
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June @ 6pm (repeat)**

#### New to Year Two Talks

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June @ 6pm *or*
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June @ 9:15am (repeat)**



Barnes Farm Junior School will also be holding a transition meeting for parents on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm.

Next week, the Year 1 pupils will take part in their Phonics Screening. We will also be joined next week by a Woodwind Band for assembly on Friday. It is also our DIY SOS event next Saturday and we would be grateful for any help and support to decorate and improve the school. Please see the information below.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



### Attendance

Our attendance target for the year is 97%.

Best class attendance this week was **Tawny Owl** with 99.3%.

Whole school attendance this week was 96.8%.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is 96.6%.

We continue to encourage and reward excellent attendance at Barnes Farm Infant School. Please remember to call the office if your child is absent for any reason.

**Please be aware that regulations changed from 1 October 2017. Any 10 unauthorised sessions taken over a 10-week period can now be subject to a Penalty Notice being issued (1 session is a morning or afternoon). Remember that the school cannot authorise any holidays in term time.**

### Certificates

Superstar Awards – Louis (Badger), Daisy (Fox), Ella (Otter), Jack W (Barn Owl), Jacob J (Snowy Owl) and Harry (Hedgehog)

Kindness – Dylan (Rabbit)

Super Scientist Award – Edward (Tawny Owl)

Silver Awards – Orla (Barn Owl), Oliver D (Rabbits), Denzel (Otter) and Mason (Badger)

Gold Award – Ellis (Otter)

Well done Children!!



## **Bookworms of the Week**



Well done to all the Super Readers this week for reading 5 times at home. Congratulations to Grace in Rabbit class who won the prize draw for reading at least 5 times this week. Her name was picked out of the cupcake pot and she chose one of Mrs Speller's special books from the basket to take home.

Squirrel class scored the highest number of readers this week and got to choose a new book for their class library with **22 children** reading 5 times this week.

Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!

## **Apologies from Clara Villiamy**

Big apologies from Clara Villiamy, our visiting author who was unable to join us this week due to illness, but we look forward to seeing her on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June where she will tell us all about her Dotty Detective book and personally sign books.

## **GDPR**

Below is a link for Parents and Guardians explaining GDPR in relation to school. Please click on the link below to see 'GDPR Rights – Advice to Parents/Guardians'.

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Documents&pid=24>

## **DIY SOS DAY**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

We will be holding a DIY SOS Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June between 10am and 3.00pm. If you can help with all or some of the day, please sign up on the link below. There are a variety of jobs that need doing such as painting and gardening.

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/form/?pid=3&form=178>



## Year 2 Mini Games at Melbourne Stadium

All our Year 2 children participated at the annual Mini Games this week at Melbourne Sports Stadium alongside schools from across Chelmsford. When we arrived, we were greeted by mascots from the Olympic games who were walking around on stilts, a big brass band and waves from other excited children. We took part in a tremendous parade. Each school represented a different country and we were chosen to represent Brazil so we sang 'Go Brazil' as we marched around the track to rapturous applause from spectators.

We were blown away with the team work, effort and enthusiasm of our children who enjoyed games such as balance biking, obstacle races and dancing. It really was a wonderful afternoon for all.

Overall, Barnes Farm Infant School were awarded the **Silver Medal for the highest collective score** which was fantastic for all the children. The medals did not stop there as **Ethan from Tawny Owl class received Bronze for highest boy scorer** of the afternoon and **Emilia from Snowy Owl class went up to the podium to collect a Gold medal for the highest scoring girl**. Well done, children.







**YOU MADE US PROUD!**

### School Uniform Orders

Our school uniform, as you know, can be ordered online for collection at the school office. If you would like to order school uniform from our office, then orders need to be logged online by midnight on the **22<sup>th</sup> of June** and will re-commence early September. Final delivery to the school will be by the **9<sup>th</sup> of July 2018**. Any orders placed after the **22<sup>nd</sup> of June** for into school delivery will **NOT** be delivered into school until September.

All parents can choose the alternative method for home delivery for the small charge of £2.95 if preferred. The home delivery service is a 24 hour 1<sup>st</sup> Class, full tracked service. Posters will be displayed further information will be added to newsletters.

### Volunteers

If you are happy to listen to children read on a regular basis or would be able to support us test the children on their Challenge Me Cards for Mathematics, please come and see me on the playground.

### Free thinking Friday

Our philosophical question this week was: **What makes you laugh?**

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:  
"When my brother does the Floss all wrong"  
"When my baby sister makes funny noises"  
"When my dog fell off my skateboard"



### Toy Donations

Having seen how much the children enjoy playing with the doll's house and cars on the playground at lunchtime, I thought I would see if we could ask for any second-hand donations before we spend money on adding to these resources.

We currently have 'little people' toys and a wooden house. If you are having a clear out at home and have any types of dolls or figures, our children would really enjoy playing with them. In addition to this, we would welcome any donation of any toy cars. I know that the children would probably still really enjoy playing with them at home however, if you do have a sort out, please feel free to donate any items that you think we may use!

### SUMMER FETE - SAVE THE DATE!

This year FOBS are hosting the annual Summer Fete on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** after school. There will be a host of different activities taking place including face painting, raffles and much, much, much more.

### Peter Pan



You can still buy tickets from the school office to see me and Tink defeat the dastardly Captain Hook!

Who is he calling dastardly?  
Watch out Peter Pan!



Tickets are available via Parent pay



## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics Screening Week for Year 1

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Last Week to Order School Uniform

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Meet and Greet for New EYFS Parents – 9.15am-9.45am

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – DIY SOS

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Mini Basketball Competition (pm)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Foundation School Trip to Boydells Farm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Festival of Dance afternoon

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – School Uniform Orders to be completed by Midnight

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Progressive Sports Gymnastic Club Last Session

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – New to Year One Talks @ 9:15

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – New to Year Two Talks @6pm

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - New to Year Two Talks @ 9:15pm (repeat)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - New to Year One Talks @ 6pm (repeat)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Move Up Morning

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – ProKick Challenge Assembly

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Display Evening (5pm – 7pm)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Progressive Sports Multi-sports Club Last Session

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Rabbit's Class Assembly for Parents and Carers @ 9:15am

**Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last week for clubs

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Class Photos

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Fox's Class Assembly for Parents and Carers @ 9:15am

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day (am only) – Parents and carers invited

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Fete

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Reserve Sports Day

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports to Parents and Carers

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – PE Celebration Event (4pm – 6pm). Selected children.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – ProKick Challenge Sponsored Speed Kick Event

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 Leavers Production for Parents and Carers @ 9:15am

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 Leavers Production for Parents and Carers (repeat) @ 6:30pm (pupils to



return @ 6:15pm)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day at School – School Picnic and Peter Pan Production

### **SCHOOL FINISHES – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3.15pm for the summer**

Some parents have been asking me about new term dates. We will have the Essex County Academic dates and then the additional dates for Teacher Training at Barnes Farm Infant School are as follows:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### **Parent Council**

Heather Beecham (YR Rabbit, Y2 Snowy) - Chair

Manisha Mittal (YR Fox)

Nicola Kirby (YR Fox)

Louise Bardell (Y1 Hedgehog)

Sam Kilpatrick (Y1 Hedgehog)

Jennifer Brown (Y1 Squirrel)

Louise Carter (Y1 Otter, Y2 Barn)

Charlotte Cole (Y1 Squirrel)

Clare Narayanaswamy (Y1 Otters)

Heather Booker (Y2 Snowy)

Lesley Charles (Yr 2 Tawny)

### **Barnes Farm Infants Governing Body**

Heidi Hards - Chair of Governors - Parent Governor

Rebecca Pascoe-Youell - Vice Chair of Governors - Co-opted Governor

Ana Johnson - Parent Governor

Vallerie Bellamy- Local Authority Governor

Susannah Wookey- Co-opted Governor

James Russell- Co-opted Governor

Kate Sutton- Co-opted Governor

Mrs Z. Farmer - Head teacher

Mrs E Speller – Deputy Head teacher and Staff Governor

Elizabeth Keeley - Co-opted Governor

