

# Barnes Farm Infant School

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk>



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Year 2, the children have been transported to another world through Mantle of the Expert. This is where, the children act in role as specialists or experts in an imaginary situation. The Year 2 children found themselves in the Rainforest (our school hall) and through exploration of the forest, they were able to make field notes! When I popped into Tawny Owl Class, Riley had even created a mathematical list of all the items needed in his backpack and mentally added them up!

Forest Schools, this week has been a real adventure. Groups have been making various items with found objects. I have also received this beautifully made gift from Imogen in Year 2 to add to my office.



The **School Fete** will be taking place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** after school. We are going to be holding a non-school uniform day on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** where we are going to ask children to bring in items for the tombola. We will also be inviting the children to wear non-school uniform on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> (the fete day). We would be grateful for any donations for the tombola such as sweets, new/unused toiletries or new/unwanted gifts.

Next week, Mrs Perry, who has worked at Barnes Farm Infant School since 1998, will be leaving our school. Mrs Perry has worked in a variety of roles since joining the school and will be missed by not only the children but the adults too. Mrs Perry, we wish you all the best for the future.

#### **DIY SOS DAY**

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

We will be holding a DIY SOS Day on **tomorrow** 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>



Below are dates and timings of the transition sessions that are scheduled for current pupils.

#### 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.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



### **Attendance**

Our attendance target for the year is **97%**.

Best class attendance this week was Squirrel with 100%. **Well done Squirrels!**

Whole school attendance this week was 96.3%.

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.**

### **Achievement Certificates**

**Superstar Award** - Finley (Badger), Nathan (Rabbit), Pranashi (Fox), Hadyn (Otter), Oliver (Tawny Owl) and Harry (Barn Owl), Daisy (Fox) – Sorry for missing you from the list last week Daisy.

**Science Award** - Halle (Snowy Owl)

**Star of the Week** - Lila (Hedgehog)



**Silver Award** – Riley and Dylan (Tawny Owl), Fiona (Barn Owl), Pippa (Squirrel) and Jacob (Snowy Owl)

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** – Joy (Hedgehog) for showing fantastic team work this week.



Well done, children!

### **Bookworms of the Week**



Well done to all the Super Readers this week for reading 5 times at home. Congratulations to **Anna Rose in Tawny Owl 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.

Snowy Owl class scored the highest number of readers this week and got to choose a new book for their class library with **24 children** reading 5 times this week.

Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!

### **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>



## Sports Day

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY – Morning**

As I am sure you are aware, Sports Day is fast approaching. Miss Hook has been busy planning lots of fun activities for the children to complete throughout the morning. This year, the children will be competing in House teams and earning point to win the Sports Day trophy. Children will be able to wear a T- shirt or suitable accessory (hairband/hat) in their house colour. Your child will soon be coming home with a letter explain all the details and letting you know which their house is and more importantly their colour!

## Free thinking Friday

Our philosophical question this week was: **What is most precious to you?**

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

*"My chain because my family gave it to me"*

*"My Tinkerbell book because Alice gave it to me when she was a baby in hospital"*

*"My boyfriend!"*

*"My grandad's puzzle that he gave to me"*

## Forest School this Week

What a beautiful week for our children to take part in Forest School as the sun has been shining and the rain held off. Hedgehog, Squirrel, Otter and Snowy Owl classes all collected fragrant leaves to concoct a potion which could either be 'pleasant' or 'smelly'. There were some interesting potions!

Fun was had as small groups of children constructed dens using the trees, rope and tarpaulin. They enjoyed hiding out and role play. In Forest art, children placed a leaf or petal underneath a square of white cotton which when tapped with a stone, released the colour of the leaf onto the material. Some of our Year 2 children created the most beautiful patterns with leaves. Tree-climbing is always a popular Forest School activity which encourages children to take risks and develop their agility skills.

Forest School allows children the opportunity to work alongside their friends to make decisions, plan ideas and collaborate as a team. These skills are essential for our children to grow into well-rounded children who enjoy the outdoors and can learn from their peers.



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## STEM

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### DISCOVERY

### EVENING

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**18:00 to 21:00 hrs**

**Hosted by The Boswells School,**  
**Burnham Road, Chelmsford, CM1 6LY**

For teachers (secondary & primary), students, parents, industries/  
business and those interested in STEM education.

To inspire and engage the next generation in  
Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths.

Book via twitter @pitstopSTEM selecting the link or go to:  
<https://www.essexesb.co.uk/events/pitstop-stem-discovery-evening-tickets-46757513983>

We have a number of inspirational speakers who will be doing practical demonstrations as well as a number of other exhibitors.



Mike Ford from Bloodhound supersonic car project will be here to demonstrate how STEM is playing a massive part in developing the next generation of engineers.



Steve Kear from the Internet of Things and how smart cities are developing in Essex.



Jack Bolton and Prof. David Humber to talk about the work of Leonardo in Essex promoting STEM careers and the opportunities available through the Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society.



Ray Smith from Rotor Rush speaking on how e-sports are helping with motor learning - try your hand at Drone Simulation and find out how this technology can be introduced to your school.



Chris Burgess, the founder of Binary Bots and ex-Boswells student will be showcasing inspirational robotic technology.



Neil Rickus from CAS University of Hertfordshire with a primary and secondary school STEM focus.



Andy from Southend Tech on bringing digital professionals together for coding and digital making events.



Chris Calver from Rapid Electronics on how to embed current technology into the curriculum.

Exhibitors include 3D printing, Royal Academy of Engineering, robotics, drones, Bloodhound SSC, Stokers @ Stow Maries Aerodrome, Essex Skills Board plus many more.

## 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>nd</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.

## 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.



## 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!

## Dates for your Diary

**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 Narayanaswany (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

