

Barnes Farm Infant School



Newsletter

Friday 22nd June 2018

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We held our second DIY SOS day on Saturday and thankfully it was not snowed off this time! The staff and volunteers managed to paint the library, my office and start to clear the outside garden area. We have also started to clear some of the main atrium ahead of our building work in the summer holiday to replace the atrium roof.

Summer Fete – We would like to borrow some gazebos from Parents and Carers if possible for the summer fete. If you are happy for us to loan your gazebo, please can you drop it into the school office on the morning of the 6th July. Many Thanks from the PTA.

Timetable Rock Stars

Just to let you know that the free trial runs out in 3 days! Mrs Hanson has allocated 2, 5 and 10 times tables to each class. Thank you for being patient whilst we sorted out the teething problems. Well done to Tawny Owls- 43% of the class have been playing at home.

www.ttrockstars.com

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

New to Year One Talks

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

New to Year Two Talks

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

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

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

Our attendance target for the year is 97%.

Best class attendance this week was Hedgehog with 100%. Well done Hedgehog!

Whole school attendance this week was 95.6%.

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 – Tommy (Badger), Joey (Rabbit), Eleanor (Hedgehog), Melissa (Otter), James (Barn Owl)

Art Award – Daniel (Snowy Owl) and Arthur (Tawny Owl)

Story Writing Award – Florence (Fox)

Maths Magician – Jak (Squirrel)

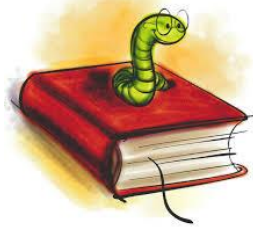
Silver Award – Holly and Ashton (Snowy Owl), Orla (Tawny Owl) Josh and Abigail (Barn Owl)



Well done, children!



Bookworms of the Week



Well done to all the Super Readers this week for reading 5 times at home. Congratulations to Thomas from Tawny Owl **class** who won the prize draw for reading at least 5 times this week. His name was picked out of the cupcake pot and he chose one of Mrs Speller's special books from the basket to take home.

Fox class scored the highest number of readers this week and got to choose a new book for their class library with 23 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 5TH 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 whole school philosophical question this week was:

What make a good friend?



Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

“Someone who cares about you and you care about them”

“Friends play with you”

“A friend is fun”

“Someone who makes me smile”

EYFS trip to Boydells Farm

On Tuesday Rabbit, Fox and Badger class went to Boydell's Farm. The children were very excited from the moment they got on to the coaches. They milked a cow called Ginger, fed the goats and lambs and held baby goats. They had a picnic and then went to explore the stream pretending that we were going on a bear hunt. Thank goodness they didn't find one! Well done children. What an amazing day.



SUMMER FETE - SAVE THE DATE!

This year FOBS are hosting the annual Summer Fete on **Friday 6th July** after school. There will be a host of different activities taking place including face painting, raffles and much, much, much 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 **22th of June** and will re-commence early September. Final delivery to the school will be by the **9th of July 2018**. Any orders placed after the **22nd 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 1st 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.

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

Friday 22nd June – School Uniform Orders to be completed by Midnight

Monday 25th June – Progressive Sports Gymnastic Club Last Session

Tuesday 26th June – New to Year One Talks @ 9:15

Tuesday 26th June – New to Year Two Talks @6pm

Wednesday 27th June - New to Year Two Talks @ 9:15pm (repeat)

Wednesday 27th June - New to Year One Talks @ 6pm (repeat)

Thursday 28th June – Move Up Morning

Thursday 28th June – ProKick Challenge Assembly

Thursday 28th June – Display Evening (5pm – 7pm)

Thursday 28th June – Progressive Sports Multi-sports Club Last Session

Friday 29th June – Rabbit’s Class Assembly for Parents and Carers @ 9:15am

Week beginning 2nd July – Last week for clubs

Monday 2nd July – Class Photos

Tuesday 3rd July – Fox’s Class Assembly for Parents and Carers @ 9:15am

Thursday 5th July – Sports Day (am only) – Parents and carers invited

Friday 6th July – Fete

Monday 9th July – Reserve Sports Day

Monday 9th July – Reports to Parents and Carers

Monday 9th July – PE Celebration Event (4pm – 6pm). Selected children.

Tuesday 10th July – ProKick Challenge Sponsored Speed Kick Event

Tuesday 17th July – Year 2 Leavers Production for Parents and Carers @ 9:15am

Wednesday 18th July – Year 2 Leavers Production for Parents and Carers (repeat) @ 6:30pm (pupils to return @ 6:15pm)

Friday 20th July – Last day at School – School Picnic and Peter Pan Production

SCHOOL FINISHES – Friday 20th 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 4th September

Monday 29th October

Thursday 3rd January



Friday 4th January
Friday 24th 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

