

# Barnes Farm Infant School

## Newsletter



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow it has been such a brilliant and exciting week at BFIS. I am so proud of Fox Class who performed their class assembly to a very packed hall of parents and carers. They were the last class to complete their parent and carer assembly and they certainly finished of the year on a high! Well done Foxes.

Sports Day was fantastic fun. Thank you to everyone for the community feel to the day. The children had a great time and some were able to share their achievements in assembly. And so to the results...

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 2699 points = Pegasus

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 2519 points = Phoenix

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 2345 points = Dragon

4<sup>th</sup> Place – 1940 points = Griffin

Well done to the PEGASUS team!

(Cup photograph below).

Can I say a HUGE thank you to the PTA for organising and running a wonderful Summer Fete. We will let you know how much the event raised next week.

On Monday, your child will be receiving their school report to bring home. We do not hold a parent consultation evening in the Summer Term, but if you would like to talk to the class teacher, please speak to them at the beginning or end of the school day or contact them via the school office to arrange an appointment. For those families that may need a second school report, please contact the school office to request a duplicate.

Year 1 will be off on a mini beast adventure in the local area on Thursday. They will also be having a strawberry themed party with ice pops and biscuits this week to celebrate their topic this term. Please ensure that Year 1 children have sensible shoes for walking in, a water bottle, sunhat and sun cream applied for Thursday.

It is the Pro Kick School Challenge on Tuesday. Children will need their trainers in school and we will be competing to see who has the fastest kick. There will also be a competition for staff too!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



## Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was Hedgehogs with 99.3%. Well done Hedgehogs.

Whole school attendance this week was 97.7%.

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

Storywriting – Jielin (Badger) Superstar – Oliver (Rabbit), Kindness – Seren (Fox), Superstar – Tristan (Hedgehog), Maths – Harry (Squirrel), Storywriting – Anshu (Otter), Superstar – Maria and Ashleigh (Tawny Owl), Superstar – Sienna (Barn Owl), Bookworm – Oliver (Snowy Owl)

Silver Award – Jack and Natasha (Rabbit)



**Well done, children!**



### **Sports Day**

What a fantastic morning of sports we had this week. We saw running races, hula-hooping, hockey, sponge soaking games and lots more as we all got into our House Teams to work together to gain points. In our special assembly at the end of the day, we awarded Pegasus the Sports Day cup as they scored the most points. We were very proud of our children as they all cheered the winning house.

We will be posting lots of Sports Day photos and you will be able to purchase a class photograph over the next few weeks – more details to follow.



### **Bookworms of the Week**



Well done to all the Super Readers this week for reading 5 times at home. Congratulations to James from Fox 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 a special book out of Mrs Speller's special 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 18 children reading 5 times this week.

Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!



## Forest Schools

Lots of outdoor learning fun this week for Squirrel class as they built dens, hunted for gold and worked together to make a 'house'. It really is such a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore the natural world and discover new skills of collaboration and problem solving.



## Free thinking Friday

Our whole school philosophical question this week was:

Who would you give your last sweet to?

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

*"I would share my last sweet with my brother because I love him so much and he treats me really kindly"*

*"Maisie because she is my best friend and she is kind so I will be kind to her"*

*"NO-ONE. I LIKE SWEETS TOO MUCH!"*



## Pro Kick School Challenge

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, we will be holding a Pro Kick Schools Challenge Day. It is an exciting opportunity for the children to have fun as well as the possibility to raise money for the Sports Connections Foundation and our school. The children will have the opportunity to kick a ball into a gigantic inflatable net to compete to see who has the fastest kick in the school!

A professional footballer joined us this week to talk us through the event and to explain how the charity helps children all over the world.

It sounds like the day in school will be great fun. Any sponsor forms and money will be due by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Thank you.

To find out more, please visit

[www.scfchildrenscharity.org.uk](http://www.scfchildrenscharity.org.uk)

## 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

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

**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

