

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 14th September 2018

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

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful first full week in school. Our reception classes are really settling in and have been impressing us this week with their counting and understanding of letter sounds. In Year 1, there was a big problem when 'Percy the Park Keeper' (the main character from Year 1's book) had a terrible accident that he needed the children to help him with. Year 2 have been learning about Victorians and trying to work out how the kettles worked without any wires!

30th Birthday

Well done to all the children that took part in this week's birthday competition. I was so impressed that every child received a small treat and the bigger prize went to Pippa (Tawny Owl) who was our overall winner. Her design was very detailed and reflected the very start of the school being a farm. Well done Pippa.

Competition – Number 2

This week, I would like to invite the children to come up with 30 words that describe our lovely school (of course adult help is OK!). Once again, competition entries need to be with me by next Friday (21st September) – Good Luck All.

Can I ask that you encourage the children to carry their water bottles rather than place them in their book bags. Leaking bottles can damage the children's books and the reading books we send home.

The PTA have kindly organised a Bags 2 School day on Thursday 27th September. This is where you can donate your unwanted clean clothing and the school will receive money for the weight of clothing that we have collected. There is a fuller list of accepted items at the bottom of this newsletter. Bags will have been sent home this week.

ProKick Challenge

Those children that took part in the ProKick Challenge in the summer term and gained the fastest kick in their class were awarded their medals this week. Top fundraisers (over £25 also received a football). Thank you to everyone who took part. The money raised not only benefits the charity but also a percentage is given to the school. Children who transferred to KS2 and won a medal will have their prizes delivered to them.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was both Tawny Owl and Barn Owl with 100%. **Well done to both!**

Whole school attendance this week was **97.4%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **97.4%**.

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

Well Done to the following Stars of the Week

Badgers	Evan
Foxes	Rebecca
Rabbits	Oliver C
Hedgehogs	Oliver B
Squirrels	Joshua
Otters	Shiny
Tawny Owls	Amelie
Barn Owls	Daniel E
Snowy Owls	Amy

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Year 1 – Sebby

Year 2 Jak H

Headteacher Award

William B

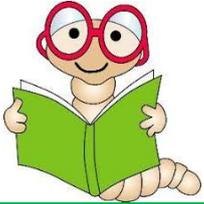
Well done, children!



Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 5 times at home. Congratulations to **Joshua in Squirrel 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.

Barn Owl class was the winning class who recorded the most children who had read 5 times or more this week and got to choose a new book for their class library with 19 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>

Free thinking Friday

Philosophical
question of the
week

If you could change
one thing in the
world what would it
be?

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

"Make tigers smaller so they can be kept at home"

"I'd like fish to live on land and humans to live in the sea"

"Make everyone happy"

"Make the playground a football pitch"

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.





www.bag2school.com

We are pleased to announce that the Friends of Barnes Farm Schools has organised another textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for both the schools

Bag2School collection has been arranged for

Thursday 27th September 2018

So please start saving up your old clothes for the collection. Bags will be given out nearer the collection date.

Accepted:	Not accepted:
Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing	Duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)	Pillows and cushions
Handbags	Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
Hats	Curtains
Bags	Towels
Scarves and ties	Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
Jewellery	School uniforms
Lingerie	Corporate clothing and workwear
Belts	Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
Soft toys	

Further details to follow, any questions please contact

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4-19 Health Drop In Sessions

Drop in sessions across Chelmsford to gain support and advice for your 4-19 year old around a number of topics/ issues which may be concerning you, including;

- Day and night wetting
- Hearing and vision tests
- Weight and dietary issues
- General physical and emotional health problems
- Sleep/behavioural concerns
- Parenting concerns

Location: Chelmsford West Delivery Site, Dixon Avenue, CM1 2AQ
(next to Kings Road Primary School)

Time: 3pm- 4pm

Dates: Mondays - 3rd Sept, 17th Sept, 1st Oct, 15th Oct, 5th Nov, 19th Nov, 3rd Dec, 17th Dec 2018

Location: The School House (opposite Moulsham Jnr School),
Princes Road, CM2 9DG

Time: 3.15pm- 4.15pm

Dates: Wednesdays - 12th Sept , 26th Sept, 10th Oct, 31st Oct, 14th Nov, 28th Nov, 12th Dec 2018

Services commissioned by:

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



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