

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 28th September 2018
<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk>

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our 'Open Door' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. It was lovely to be able to speak with so many of you and to hear how well your children have settled with their new class teachers. Our formal Parents Evenings will be held on **Wednesday 7th November** and **Thursday 8th November** after school. Details of how to book appointments will be given to you after the half term holiday. If in the meantime, you would like to talk to your child's class teacher about their learning, please feel free to speak with them at the end of the school day or arrange a meeting via the office.

Our new carpets have finally been laid in the atrium! Unfortunately, for those of you who visited on Wednesday evening, they were not finished but they look wonderful now and we are enjoying using our new learning spaces.

Today we practised a full site evacuation alongside the junior school. The children have been practising fire drills in school, but we also have a designated area in the local community which we evacuate to if need. I was so impressed with how well the children walked through our local community – every day they make me so proud.

Thank you for all the kind donations for our Bags2School event this week. Once the PTA have confirmation of the amount of funds raised, we will let you know.



Our website has been reshuffled! Thank you again for your patience whilst the maintenance has been taking place. Over the next few weeks, you will see a variety of information being added and updated to the site. We hope the information we provide helps to make the links between school and home stronger.



30th Birthday Celebrations

We were overly impressed with the 30th Birthday competition entries this week. Those children that entered the mathematical 30 representation task were so creative and will be receiving a treat from me for a fabulous effort! Well done to Harry C, who took first place for his picture of 30 handmade owls.



Competition – Number 4

The final competition for the 30th birthday celebrations is...

What will the school look like in 30 more years?

Please feel free to help your children with this final competition. The children can show this in any way they would like. E.g. a descriptive piece of writing, a drawing, a shoe box model of a classroom maybe!

Competition entries to be with me by **Friday 5th** please – Good Luck Everyone.

Harvest Festival Celebrations

This year's Harvest Festival Celebration will be taking place next Wednesday. Reverend Mandy Hewson will be joining us to speak about Harvest Festival during our assembly. We are also collecting donations for Chelmsford Foodbank and welcome any items brought into school. We will be collecting from next Monday to Wednesday. Please see the list below of suggested items.

Mrs Hayward has been busy not only organising our celebration, but also creating various harvest displays in the school for children to enjoy.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

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

Whole school attendance this week was **97.9%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **97.9%**.

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	Isla
Foxes	Emerson
Rabbits	Oliver E
Hedgehogs	Mia
Squirrels	Maisie
Otters	Gracie
Tawny Owls	Pippa
Barn Owls	Lila
Snowy Owls	Grace

Mathematical Wizards of the Week
Headteachers Award

Year 1 – Kostek
Year 2 – Leo
Oliver

Well done, children!

Bookworms of the Week

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

Hedgehog 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 22/30 children reading 5 times this week.



Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!



Free thinking Friday

Philosophical
question of the
week

What is Art?

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

"Creating beautiful things"
"It's painting and making things"
"Creating beautiful drawings"
"An eye for detail"



EYFS – To practise writing sat and pat. Forming letters correctly whilst sounding out.

Year 1 – Mathematics book pg.22, spellings and reading

Year 2 – English/spelling book pg.5, Mathematics book pg. 13, spellings and reading

We are really pleased with how the children have responded to our new home learning books this week. Please make sure your child completes their homework and if you would like to mark it with them then please do as this will generate discussion at the point in which the homework is completed (some answers are found in the back of the book).

Please remember to send the little blue spelling books into school no later than Wednesday so that the children can do their test in the back of the book in class before they receive new spellings on the Friday.

Meet Mr Sims

We are lucky to be working alongside Mr Sims this year from PE4primaryschools. This has been made possible through our PE and Sport Premium that the school receives annually. I thought that it would be a good idea for you to be introduced to Mr Sims in more detail. There is also information on our website about how we intend to use the PE and Sports Premium funding that we receive to provide better provisions for our pupils on our school website.

Mr Sims (BA Hons Physical Education with Qualified Teacher Status) is an experienced practitioner in both primary and secondary education. Mr Sims has been delivering 'outstanding' physical education in



primary and secondary schools for the past 17 years since graduating from the University of Brighton. In his roles as the Assistant Head of Physical Education and previously School Sports Coordinator, priority has always been first and foremost to ensure excellent delivery of physical education lessons.

Over the past 17 years he has successfully taught a wide variety of physical education and sport activities across the age range, giving him an excellent understanding of how to enhance fundamental movement skills in early years and has an excellent range of subject knowledge in many sports.

Throughout his professional employment, a significant aspect has been the need for physical education to be made available to all. Every child should be given the chance to enjoy physical education, regardless of their performance level and to become physically literate.

He is passionate about getting children active and enjoying physical education and sport, so that they can lead a healthy active lifestyle and develop a lifelong love for sport, as well as working closely with schools to make a real a sustainable difference to the physical education and sport experience for every child.

Please see the extra-curricular sports timetable below for the autumn term and if you would like your child to join a club, this can be done via ParentPay.

Autumn Term 2018 – Year 1 & 2 Sports Clubs

Day	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday	Gymnastics	Zone Games	Running Club
Tuesday	Futsal (Football)	Zone Games	Tennis
Wednesday	Ball Skills eg: Basketball, Netball and Hockey	Zone Games	Tag Rugby Cheerleading
Thursday		Zone Games	Yoga
Friday		Zone Games	PASS Football

Morning Clubs: 8.00am – 8.45am

For morning clubs, students can come to school in sports clothing appropriate to the activity and change into their school uniform when the club has finished.

Lunch Clubs: 12.00pm – 1pm (EYFS) 12.15pm – 1.15pm (Year 1 and 2)

After School Clubs: 3.15pm – 4pm or 4.15pm

All clubs are currently available to pupils in Year 1 and 2 who wish to try a new sport and develop their abilities further. The focus of each club is enjoyment and participation and sessions will be organised in a fun and friendly environment.

Throughout the year, competitions and festivals will be entered which are organised by the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership.

There are still places available for most of our sporting clubs. Please book these by going to your ParentPay account.



Harvest Festival Donations



HARVEST FOOD LIST 2018

info@chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk

07512 574 542

Emergency food for people in crisis

Items most required

Tinned Fish

Tinned Meat

Tinned Potatoes

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Vegetables

Packets of Biscuits

Tinned Rice Pudding

Packets of Mashed Potato



Other items needed

Noodles

Cup-a-Soup

Tinned Fruit

Jars of Coffee

Instant Custard

Bottles of Squash

UHT Long Life Milk

Cartons Long Life Fruit Juice



Toilet Rolls

Men's deodorants

Size 5 nappies

Thank you for your generosity for those
in Chelmsford suffering food poverty.

Chelmsford Foodbank is overseen by Oask Chelmsford Ltd, a company limited by guarantee.
Registered in England number: 7685257. Registered charity number: 1144804.



World War One Armistice Centenary Exhibition

Chelmsford Library

Saturday 10 November, 10.30am-12.30pm

- Photographic display of the Essex Regiment in WWI
- War cartoons from an Essex soldier in WW1
- Draw your own war cartoon



For further information contact
Essex Libraries on 0345 603 7628
or visit libraries.essex.gov.uk/events



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.

Barnes Farm Infants Governing Body

Heidi Hards - Chair of Governors - Parent Governor
Rebecca Pascoe-Youell - Vice Chair of Governors - Community Governor
Ana Johnson - Parent Governor
Valerie Bellamy- Community Governor
Susannah Wookey- Community Governor
James Russell- Community Governor
Kate Sutton- Community Governor
Mrs Z. Farmer - Head teacher
Mrs E Speller – Deputy Head teacher and Staff Governor
Elizabeth Keeley - Community Governor

