

# Barnes Farm Infant School



## Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk>



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week here at Barnes Farm and we have really been focusing upon Harvest and what it means to us as a school. Mrs Hayward created a wonderful Harvest Assembly for us with a visiting speaker. There was also an opportunity for some of the children to share their learning during the assembly. We would also like to thank you for all the donations sent in from home which will be given to the Chelmsford Foodbank.

Next week, Mrs Hanson will be holding a Mathematics Workshop for **EYFS parents and carers**. The session will take place in Rabbit Class at **3:30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. The session aims to inform parents and carers of how the school delivers mathematics to the children. If you are unable to attend this session, there will be a repeat session on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm**.

Congratulations to Ella (Otter Class) and Liam (Tawny Owl Class) who were the first children in the school to receive a Gold Award. We celebrated their achievement by having a game of Top Trumps! I look forward to giving more certificates out as the term progresses.

Next week, we will be holding our first '**New to Reception 2019**' talks. It only seems like yesterday we were doing the same for our current reception children! The first talk will take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am** in our school hall. If you are a parent or carer already but have a child wishing to join us next September, please come along and see what we are offering as a school. Please let other members of the community know of our event. More dates are available and these can be found on the school's website.

This week, I sent home our '**Diary of Events**' for the year. In doing so, I hope to give you enough notice of events throughout the year (in particular those you may wish to join us for). Additional dates will be added throughout the year, but hopefully this document gives an outline of the key events such as concerts and sports day. A copy of the Diary of Events can also be found on our website.

Something that I feel very strongly about is the opportunity for parents and carers to be able to approach the school if they have a concern or worry. I do ask that if you do have a concern that you contact your child's class teacher or speak to myself. I am often on the playground at the beginning or end of a day and if a longer meeting is required, we can arrange that. I would much rather discuss a concern or worry early on before it becomes a bigger concern.

Our Bags2School event last week raised **£160.00** for both Barnes Farm schools. I would like to thank all involved in collecting and donating clothing and I also would like to thank the Friends of Barnes Farm Schools (PTA) for their time.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

### **Competition – Number 4**

### *What will the school look like in 30 more years?*

Well done to Alice who showed her competition entry as a 3-page design. All the classrooms were redesigned, and she even changed the owl logo to a pig! Well done Alice. There were some fantastic and very creative ideas from children, including floating computers and tigers to supervise lunchtimes!

Thank you to all the children who took part in the various competitions throughout September. We will be hosting a special birthday lunch this term, with a Barnes Farm party afternoon to celebrate. We are also hoping for some guest speakers to join us who will be able to tell us about the school in the past.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



## **Attendance**

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

Best class attendance this week was **Rabbit with 99.0%**. Well done to Rabbit!!

Whole school attendance this week was **97.2%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **97.8%**.

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 - Stanley

Foxes - Yiannis

Rabbits - Gracie

Hedgehogs - Samarth

Squirrels - Martha

Otters - Mason

Tawny Owls - Emma

Barn Owls - Toby

Snowy Owls - Emma

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Year 1 – Chloe

Year 2 – Anshu

Headteachers Award

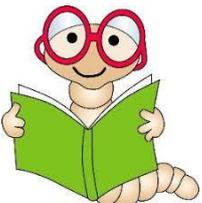
Jack K – Tawny Owl

Well done, children!

## Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 5 times at home. Congratulations to **Jasmine in Snowy Owl class** who won the prize draw for reading at least 5 times this week. Hers name was picked out of the cupcake pot and she 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 20/30 children reading 5 times this week.



**Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!**

## Free thinking Friday

Philosophical  
question of the  
week

What is the  
difference between  
grown ups and  
children?

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

*"Grown-ups do more paperwork than children"*

*"Children eat sweets and delights more than adults"*

*"Grown-ups are taller"*

*"Grown-ups are very busy"*

# HOME LEARNING

EYFS – To practise writing CVC words 'got' and 'cog', reading our library book

Year 1 – Spellings book pg 5

Year 2 – English/spelling book pg. 6 Mathematics book pg.5, 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.

## Circus Skills workshop



On Monday, we had Perform For Schools visit us at BFIS. All our classes took part in a drama workshop based on the circus with a drama teacher. This involved the children moving to music and responding to actions, singing songs and going on a quest to find the clowns 'lost smile'. Our children laughed, sang and acted with their friends in these fun-filled workshops.

## Our New School Council



Our new School Council met this week for the first time and we came up with our Promise as School Councillors. It is important to us to be good role models to all the children in our school. We were given our special School Council badges which will be worn with pride for all to see.

Watch this space as we have already thought of some fabulous ideas to improve our school.

## **Purple Mash – Digital Learning**

Over the coming weeks your child will be learning to use Purple Mash with their teachers.

### *What is Purple Mash?*

Purple Mash is a comprehensive suite of online learning tools and content, designed to be used by Primary aged children in the classroom and at home. At Barnes Farm Infant School, we are committed to ensuring that the children gain the skills they need to succeed in life. This includes an understanding of the digital world, as covered by the Computing Curriculum. Purple Mash will help us to teach the children these skills.

Purple Mash will be available for the children to access from home using their own passwords. Your child's password will be stuck into the back of their Reading Record book. Please feel free to make use of this amazing resource and help your child become familiar with it. Purple Mash is fully compliant with GDPR legislation.

Thank you for your support and enjoy using Purple Mash!

Mrs White  
Computing Subject Lead



# JOB VACANCY

## Barnes Farm Infant & Junior Schools

~~Ashlyns~~  
in partnership with Barnes Farm Infant & Junior Schools,  
is seeking a

### **GENERAL KITCHEN ASSISTANT**

Main responsibilities include setting up for service, serving meals, clearing and washing up where necessary and some food preparation

Hours are 2.5 hours per day  
£7.83 per hour  
Term time only

Previous experience in a catering environment is desirable

Pick up an Application Pack from the School Office, call Nikki Baines @ ~~Ashlyns~~ on 01277 890821 or visit [www.ashlyns.co.uk](http://www.ashlyns.co.uk)

**Closing Date**  
**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

*Applicants should be prepared to undergo checks to obtain and hold a satisfactory Enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) Certificate*



# ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE 'Taster Day'

Do you play violin, viola, cello or  
double bass?

Are you aged between  
5-18 years?

**Come and join us!**



**Felsted School  
Felsted CM6 3LL**



**Sunday 21st October 2018 – 9:30am to 1:00pm**

Register today for just £7.50

Would you like to  
improve your playing  
skills?

Fancy playing in a  
Orchestra?



For more information and details of how to register please call  
Dave Arch on **03330 321351** or email [ensembles@essex.aov.uk](mailto:ensembles@essex.aov.uk)

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# 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](http://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