

# Barnes Farm Infant School



## Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

# 1<sup>st</sup> Place

I am so proud of the cross-country Team this week. Children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 represented BFIS at the Chelmsford KS1 Cross Country Competition and were fantastic. Due to the overall team score, the school was awarded first place. I am extremely proud of all the children who showed the Owl Code, 'Be Confident' - they certainly used the phrase, 'I can do this!'. Our trophy will be displayed in our main reception area throughout the year. I have also received reports that not only were the team sporting champions, but their behaviour was brilliant.

### New to Reception 2019 Talks

We have been welcoming prospective parents and carers to the school this week. In our first welcome tours, parents and carers were able to see the school in action. The children were able to show our visitors how we learn at BFIS. If there are any parents or carers that would like to visit our school, there will be further **New to Reception 2019** talks. Individual tours and visit are also warmly welcomed.

**New to Reception 2019** talk dates:

**Thursday 15th November @ 9.15am**

**Thursday 15th November @ 5.30pm**

**Thursday 10th January @ 9.15am**

This week, I have seen a range of home learning coming into school from the children. There has been a wide variety from the takeaway menus. My favourites include two Time Machines from Ellen and Archie in Year 2.



Since the beginning of term, both the infant and junior school have closed the playgrounds at 3.25pm to all adults. This has allowed greater club provision to take place on the site safely. We are aware however, that this message has not been conveyed to childminders and grandparents. Please can I ask that if someone other than you collects your child at the end of the day, they are aware that non-school adults are not permitted on site during club sessions. Thank you.

Next week, Mrs Hanson will be holding a Mathematics Workshop for **EYFS parents and carers**. The session will take place in Rabbit Class on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm**. The session aims to inform parents and carers of how the school delivers mathematics to the children. Thank you to all those parents that joined us this week for the first session.

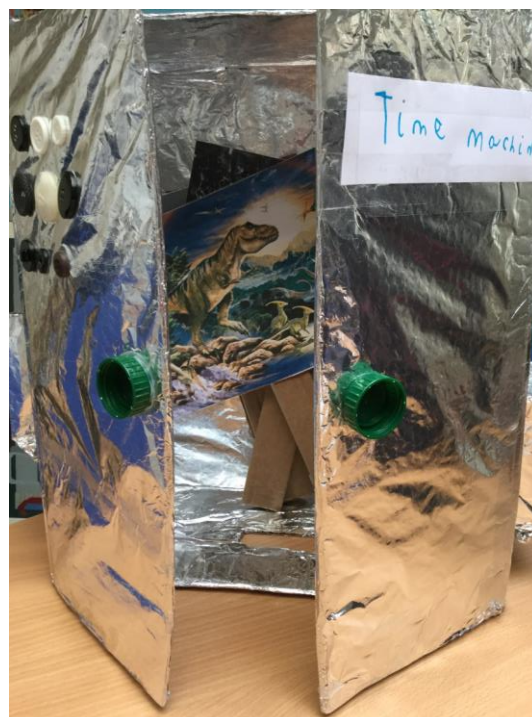
We really enjoy placing a range of activities on the playground for the children. We have noticed that our garages and toy cars are looking a bit worse for wear! If you are having a clear out at home, or know someone else that is, please consider donating old toys to the school. Any donations will be gratefully received by us.

Next Friday, we will be holding a Friendship Day. We will be inviting children to wear an item of clothing or accessory in their team colour, e.g. a bow, pair of socks, a t-shirt. This is not a must, but the children will be able to recognise children in their own team from the colour they are wearing.

Congratulations to Elsie and Liutauras (Otter Class) who received a Gold Award. I will be celebrating their achievements with them.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a joint event with the junior school to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. As part of this joint event, both schools have been learning a song to sing as part of the assembly.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



## Attendance

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

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

Whole school attendance this week was **97.8%**.

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 - Freya

Foxes - Gabriel

Rabbits - Kyle

Hedgehogs – Joshua M

Squirrels - Ana

Otters - Macy

Tawny Owls - Noah

Barn Owls - Harley

Snowy Owls - Archie

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Reception – Oliver P (Badger)

Year 1 – Nathan (Otter)

Year 2 – Ella (Snowy Owl)

Ellen – (Snowy Owl)

Headteachers Award

Well done, children!

## School Council



This week in School Council we allocated roles such as Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Our new School Council books were given out to our class representatives who keep a copy of the minutes to the meetings and feed back to their respective classes.

We continued to discuss ideas for a **friendship stop or bench** in the playground and thought of ideas to help raise money to buy it.

## Fox Class Ramp

For those of you with children in Fox Class, you will notice that the ramp leading to the classroom needs some TLC. We have arranged for this ramp to be replaced early December.

## Essex Fire and Rescue Visit



Today we had a special Firework Safety talk from Kate who works for Essex Fire and Rescue Services. She talked to the children about how to keep safe on Fireworks night and showed them a short video emphasising the dangers of fireworks.

**Keep Safe!**



## Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 5 times at home. Congratulations to **Oliver C in Rabbit 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 20/30 children reading 5 times this week.



# Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!

## Year 1 Garden so far...

Our Year One children have been hard at work this week as they have been busy planting their sensory garden for Percy the Parkkeeper.

Mrs Cleary, Mrs White and Mr Williams would like to say a big thank you to parents for their kind and generous donations. To continue to make the sensory garden we would love to plant some more herbs, bulbs and lavender to really make our garden smell beautiful (and attract lots of creepy crawlies to the habitat stacks). So, if you have any of the above at home or can make a few cuttings of your garden plants we would hugely appreciate it. Many thanks the Year 1 team.



# HOME LEARNING

**EYFS – To practise the words ‘net’ and ‘dim’ and reading our library book**  
**Year 1 – Maths book page 11 and English page 7**  
**Year 2 – English/spelling book page**  
**Mathematics book page, 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.

## Free thinking Friday

Philosophical  
question of the  
week.

Why do stars  
twinkle?

Here are a few of the children’s thoughts:



*“Stars twinkle to guide the rockets into space”*

*“The sun reflects on them and keeps them warm”*

*“So aliens can see people”*

*“Because they are beautiful and special”*

## 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

# 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)

