

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 19th October 2018

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful first half term at BFIS and our new pupils in reception are well and truly settled. I have been so impressed with their 'can do' attitude. Across the school, there has been a lovely range of learning taking place and lots covered in our first half term. It has been lovely to see how much learning has taken place at home with the children. Thank you for all your support – I particularly enjoyed the Victoria sponges and 30th Birthday cakes!

The children looked great today in their team colours and we have enjoyed an amazing Friendship Day (please see below).

New to Reception 2019 Talks

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

With the half term holiday now here, I know many of you will be looking forward to spending the week with your child(ren), but you might still require childcare over the holidays, or before and after school outside of the holidays. I have included a link below to the Essex County Council website which provides useful information on the different types of childcare available and an interactive map to help you find local childcare. There is also a link to the Role of Ofsted who inspect or regulate many providers including childminders and holiday play schemes.

I would urge all parents who are or considering childcare to please ensure that you have made the appropriate checks e.g. Ofsted registered, DBS checked etc.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare/Choosing%20the%20right%20childcare/Pages/Types-of-childcare.aspx>

I wish you all a relaxing half term holiday and I look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on **Tuesday 30th October**.

Have a great break,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Badger with 99.5%**. Well done to Badger!!

Whole school attendance this week was **95.7%**.

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 - Kimberley

Foxes - Freddie

Rabbits - Esosa

Hedgehogs – Sam

Squirrels - Alice

Otters - George

Tawny Owls – William

Barn Owls - Eleanor

Snowy Owls - Danny

Mathematical Wizards of
the Week



Reception – Dinobi (Rabbit)
Year 1 – Joey (Squirrel)
Year 2 – Emmanuel (Barn)

Headteachers Award

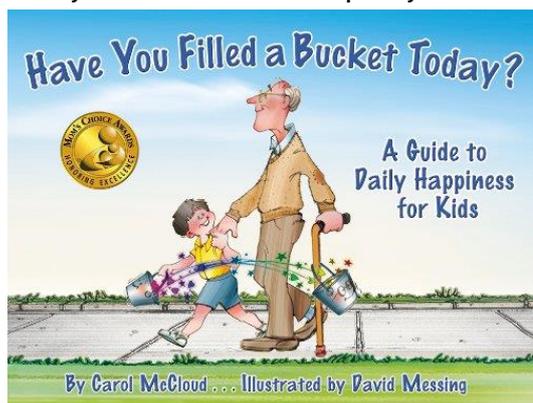


Emmy (Barn Owl)

Well done, children!

Friendship Day

Today has been Friendship Day in the school in which we have celebrated our friends. For Free-thinking Friday during registration time, children thought about 'What makes a good friend?' and discussed their ideas for the display in the corridor. In Achievement assembly, our choir the Twit-a-woos, sang a beautiful rendition of 'Shine Bright like a Diamond' to the whole school and were thrilled with their performance.



Mrs Farmer has read **Have you filled a bucket today?** Which is a wonderful story to highlight how friends can make each other feel good about themselves by saying and doing kind things and thus 'filling their bucket up'.

Year 1 and Year 2 children made new friends today as they swapped classrooms and read with someone new which was wonderful to see as so many children were happily sharing funny stories and poems. Mrs Cleary, who is our lead for British Values, organised for each class to have a bucket or flowery pot to fill with pompoms. Every time a child said something kind to a friend or showed an act of kindness a pompom was popped into the bucket. By the end of the day our buckets were full!



School Council

Our new School Council is now in full swing as we have been updating our class books with the weekly minutes of our meetings and discussing our thoughts back in the classroom with our friends. As we walked around the school today we noticed that lots of children hadn't picked up their coats from the floor, so we are going to mention it in assembly after half term to remind children that we would like our school to stay tidy.

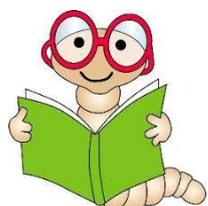
This week in School Council, we looked on Mrs Speller's laptop to see how much a Friendship Stop would be to buy for our playground and thought about ways we could raise money to buy one. Our suggestions were selling Hot chocolate and cookies at the Year 2 Carol Service and book swap day where children can bring in old books they have read and don't want anymore and swap it for another book for 50p. Watch this space!



Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 5 times at home. **Congratulations to Emilia in 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 one of Mrs Speller's special books from the basket to take home.

Snowy 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 23/30 children reading 5 times this week.



Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!

What makes a good friend?

Free thinking Friday

Philosophical question of the week.

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

"Someone who has kind hands and uses kind words"

"Friends make me feel happy inside"

"Someone who is friendly to me"

"A person who smiles"

Super Splash Heroes

This week we invited a theatre group who performed an innovative, educational pantomime and workshop for our Year 1 and Year 2 children to educate them on the benefits of water efficiency. The Super Splash Heroes delivered the important messages of saving water when we brush our teeth, wash up and run the bath through singing, acting and dance. Our children loved it and hopefully came home with some water saving facts such as:

- By spending 1 minute less in a shower we can save 5 litres of water a day
- If you fix a leaking tap it will save enough water over the year to fill 3 swimming pools!
- By turning off the tap when brushing your teeth can save up to 12 litres of water



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



FREE

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Monday 22 to Friday 26 October

Halloween Exhibition

The history behind the mystery

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museumevents



Chelmsford
City Museum

Oaklands Park
Chelmsford
CM2 9AQ



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

