

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd November 2018

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



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term. We are all set for a packed second Autumn half term at BFIS. There will be lots going on this term which we will keep you updated on via the weekly newsletters.

The first main event is Parents Evening next week on Wednesday and Thursday. We will be discussing your child's progress and setting targets for this year. Although the main discussions are held in the hall, your child's books will be available for you to view. Those parents and carers with children in the demountable classrooms need to note that the classrooms will be closed but your child's books will be set out in the atrium for you to view.

On Monday during our training day, the staff worked alongside colleagues in the junior school to develop our Mantle of the Expert practice across the school. This is an approach to teaching where pupils become experts in a given area to develop their learning. For example, EYFS last term were space experts! The teachers are very keen to use Mantle of the Expert and are hoping to use elements of drama in topics across the school this term.

Our Owl Code focus this half term is 'Be Kind and Respectful'. We will be discussing this code and what it means to us through assemblies and PSHE time.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that took the time this week to join us for the KS1 English Workshops. If you were unable to join Mrs Speller but are keen to find out more, then please contact her for further information.

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

Thank you to all those parents (and grandparents) that have offered to volunteer with us. We have a new volunteer team starting this year, and I personally would like to say a big THANK YOU for giving up your time to listen to the children read and support learning across the school.

Have a great weekend all,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Badger, Otter, Squirrel and Barn Owl all with an amazing 100%.**
WOW - Well done to them all!! 😊

Whole school attendance this week was **98.8%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **97.6%**.

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



Badger - Indiana

Fox - Lacey

Rabbit - Jodie

Hedgehog – Joshua W

Squirrel – Ollie C

Otters - Dylan

Tawny Owl – Jack K

Barn Owl – Oliver I

Snowy Owl - Beau

Mathematical Wizards of
the Week



Reception – Olivia B (Fox)

Year 1 – Kelly (Hedgehog)

Year 2 – Emma C (Tawny Owl)

Well done, children!

Happy 30th Birthday Lunch

We celebrated Barnes Farm Infant School's 30th Anniversary today with a special celebratory lunch with sausages in rolls, chips and beans. Our very clever team of cooks baked a special birthday cake which we hugely enjoyed. Our Governor Ana came to visit us too and shared lunch with the children. What a super lunchtime!



School Council

Tidy cloakroom posters

This week we put up posters in the cloakrooms to remind the children to hang up their coats because we noticed last week that there were coats on the floor which should have been on pegs. We are hoping that our posters will encourage children to keep our cloakrooms tidy and look after their belongings.

Letter to the Council

We thought it would be super if we had a large Christmas tree in the playground this year for our Year 2 Carol Service but also for the enjoyment of all the children around the school, so we have composed a letter to the Springfield Parish Council to ask if they would like to contribute towards us buying a real Christmas tree. We will keep you updated!



If you know of a tree farm or company who would happily lend us or buy us a tree up until the end of the term, please could you contact Mrs Speller who would be more than happy to talk to you.

Bookworms of the Week

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

Squirrel 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 15 children reading 5 times this week.



Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!

When birds sing, what do they say?

Free thinking Friday

Philosophical question of the week.

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

"Sit down and have a cup of tea"

"WAKE UP!"

"Let's find some worms"

"Cuckoo, cuckoo"

Key Stage 1 English Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Key Stage 1 English workshops on Thursday morning and evening. This presentation by Mrs Speller aimed to provide parents of Year 1 and Year 2 with valuable information about the Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening curriculum and offer advice as to how to help children at home. Many parents thought the workshop was informative and gave them strategies to support children who are finding it tricky at home to read but also how to challenge more gifted readers. Our PowerPoint presentation can be found on the website under parents – workshops. If you have any questions or concerns about your child with regard to their reading, writing or speaking and listening please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher.



Autumn Display



Mrs Hayward has created another wonderful Autumn display for us to explore. This week, we have been looking at horse chestnuts and sweet chestnuts.

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

NHS

Mid Essex Hospital Services
NHS Trust



Hiring Nurses

Broomfield needs you

Calling all parents who are returning to work

For more information, simply contact:

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Tel: 01245 516524 | Email: Shelley.prior@meht.nhs.uk

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


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