

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 9th November 2018

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming to visit us this week for Parents Evening. We feel that it was a fantastic opportunity to share with you your child's learning and discuss the targets for this year. Although we do hold these formal evenings, we are happy to speak with parents and carers throughout the year, so if you ever have a question or a query, please speak to your child's class teacher.

In Year 1, the children have been learning about the Hindu celebration, Diwali.

Thank you to all our parents who kindly came in to talk to the children. The classes have made clay Diwali lamps too.

I am really lucky to have seen Barn Owls Parent and Carer assembly this afternoon in my own show! I am sorry that I was unable to join the main assembly yesterday, but I have heard that the children put on a performance 'good enough for the Westend'! Well done Barn Owls – I was super impressed.

We have received several complaints from local residents regarding parking on the roads around the school. Please can I ask that you park considerately and if you have arrived slightly earlier than expected, please do not leave your engine running. It has caused a lot of distress for several of our local community including those that work nightshifts and are disturbed by the cars with their engines running outside properties.

Children in Need

Next week on Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need. We will be inviting the children to wear something spotty as the theme this year is **Spotacular!** The children are also welcome to wear any Children in Need clothing or accessories that they may have. Donations for wearing the spotty items can be made through your child's online payment account with the school and we send all the money raised by school to the charity.

Thank you very much for all the donations of old toys. We have received this week a doll's house, cars, Lego and dinosaurs. Your kind donations have supported classroom-based activities and have ensured that we have renewed our playtime stock. If you ever have a 'clear out' at home, please consider us – we welcome any games and toys.

We have received a thank you card from the Chelmsford Foodbank for our Harvest Festival donations. They commented that the school's kindness and generosity has enabled many families to receive



emergency food supplies.

Next Monday, we will be holding a special Remembrance assembly with the junior school. To mark the occasion, the schools have purchased a 'Friendship Bench' to sit between the two schools for all children to use. We will be joined by the Mayor and governors from both schools to mark this special occasion. Every child in the school has made a poppy to mark the occasion.



Have a great weekend all,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Squirrel with 100%**. Well done to Squirrel.

Whole school attendance this week was **97.7%**.

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 - Annalise
Fox – Isla-Marie
Rabbit - Georgi
Hedgehog – Kai
Squirrel – Natasha
Otters - Nathan
Tawny Owl – Harry C
Barn Owl – Penny
Snowy Owl - Caitlin

Mathematical Wizards of
the Week

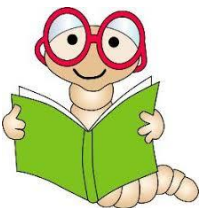


Reception – Oliver C (Rabbit)
Year 1 – Florence (Squirrel)
Year 2 – Alessio (Snowy Owl)

Well done, children!

Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 5 times at home. **Congratulations to Jasmin in Rabbit class** who won the prize draw for reading at least 5 times this week. Her name was picked out of the cupcake pot and she chose one of Mrs Speller's special books from the basket to take home.



Well done Bookworms. Keep reading!

Free thinking Friday

What is beautiful?

Some of the children's thoughts:

"My dog. He is furry"

"Sebby is beautiful because he plays with me"

"Rainbows. The colours make me happy"

"My Mum"



EYFS – To practise the words 'net' and 'wax' reading our library book

Year 1 – Spellings page 7, spellings and reading

Year 2 – Spelling page 10 and maths page 15, 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.

Please note if your child is finding their homework difficult please speak to their class teacher who will be able to help.

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.

Remembrance display in the hall



Every child in the school made a poppy for our beautiful display kindly created by Mrs Hayward. Stunning!

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



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