

# Barnes Farm Infant School



## Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Snowy Owls were able to show their understanding of their topics this half term in their Parent and Carer assembly. The audience were given a brief taster of a Victorian Classroom and all the children agreed they preferred our Behaviour Triangle compared to consequences seen in Victorian times! The children also reflected on WW1 and sang a beautiful song of remembrance.

The adventures in EYFS have continued this week and I am glad to say that the children solved the mystery of the missing superhero. They found that missing Supergirl had been living in our playground tree and had not been stolen by robbers! The children are now busy designing a superhero town for all the heroes to live peacefully together.

In Year 1, there has been a real focus on learning their words and songs for the Year 1 Christmas Concert. Year 1 will be the first year group to perform to parents and carers. This week, a message from the Year 1 team has been sent home regarding costumes. Can I stress that as a school, we do not expect you to spend lots of money on costumes. Next week, the teachers will be sending home some examples of homemade outfits that will be more than suitable e.g. angels in white t-shirts and leggings. If you would like to come and join us for the concerts, there are two seats per family available and these can be booked online from **4 o'clock, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Information regarding Reception and Year 2 concerts will be given nearer their performance date.

#### Children in Need

Thank you to all the children that took part in our fundraising event. We have raised £202 for Children in Need so far and Mrs Barnett tells me donations are still being made. Well done everyone.

#### After School Club Collections

It has been brought to my attention that the new collection arrangements at the end of clubs are cause a clogging of the walkway to the school. As of next week, on a Tuesday and a Wednesday, the clubs run by teachers will be dismissed onto the Reception Playground. To access this, please walk along the main entrance pathway to the red gate. All sports clubs will continue to dismiss via the main entrance. The changes were made at the beginning of the year due to safeguarding and have made a huge difference to the safety and security onsite. If you are collecting from the Reception Playground, please do not enter the main infant playground as our After-School Club children are playing here.

If you do have a child that is due to start school in September 2019, applications are now open. As a school, we have one more **New to Reception 2019** talk left on **Thursday 10th January @ 9.15am**. If you cannot wait until the 15<sup>th</sup>, individual tours and visit are also warmly welcomed.

#### Year 2 Parents and Carers – IMPORTANT INFORMATION Infant to Junior School Transfer

The process for Year 2 to 3 transfers has changed for Year 3 admissions into junior schools. Parents of **current Year 2** children need to make a formal application to the junior school through the Council and

can do so via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

The junior admission round opened on **Monday 12 November 2018** for this application and the closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

*From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).*

If there is something that you notice about the school and you feel a change can be made to make our school even better, please let me know sooner rather than later. For example, waiting outside the school at the end of the day has caused some problems, but has only been highlighted to me this morning. As soon as we are aware of a concern as a school, we can act upon it.

Have a great weekend all,  
Mrs Farmer



## **Attendance**

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

Best class attendance this week was **Fox and Badger with 100%**. Well done to them both!! 😊

Whole school attendance this week was **96.7%**.

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.**

## Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 5 times at home. **Congratulations to Elsa in Barn Owl 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.

**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 83% of their children reading 5 times this week.



# Well done Bookworms. Keep Reading!

## Achievement Certificates

Well Done to the following Stars of the Week



Badger – Poppy

Fox - Sophia

Rabbit – Amelia-Rose

Hedgehog – Seren

Squirrel – Oliver D

Otters - Chloe

Tawny Owl –Max

Barn Owl – Abbie

Snowy Owl - Pearl

Headteacher's Award  
Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Gracie (Tawny Owl)  
Reception – Gabriel (Fox)  
Year 1 – Daisy (Hedgehog)  
Year 2 – David(Barn Owl)



Well done, children!

Why do elephants have big ears?

## Free thinking Friday

Philosophical question of the week.

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

*"They keep the flies away"*

*"If the baby was lost, the mummy's ears would help her find him"*

*"To cool themselves"*

*"To fly like Dumbo"*

## Christmas Craft Day – PTA Event Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Friends of Barnes Farm Schools PTA are holding their annual Christmas craft morning in the Junior School Hall. There will be lots of lovely crafts to fill your morning, so please come and join us. Tickets cost £2.50 per school child. Additional Information will be sent to parents regarding the event and payment details. This is always a popular event and tickets will go on sale on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Tickets can be purchased through ParentPay accounts.



**EYFS – To practise the words 'chip' and 'shop' reading our library book**  
**Year 1 – Spellings page 8, spellings and reading**  
**Year 2 – Spelling page 25 and maths page 12, 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.

### **Nut-free lunches**

Please ensure that all packed lunches are completely nut-free as we have had a few instances in the last few weeks where Nutella and Chocolate biscuits containing nuts have been packed. We do have some children in the school with nut allergies who cannot be exposed to any form of nut or paste which has a nut ingredient therefore please check items of your child's lunchbox before you send them in with a packed lunch.

Thank you.



### **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**

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# Hiring Nurses

**Broomfield needs you**

**Calling all parents who are returning to work**

**For more information, simply contact:**

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