

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 7th December 2018

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



Building
Futures
Inspiring
Success



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am **super proud** of the Year 1 children this week. They have blown me away with three fantastic performances of 'Baubles', an Out of the Ark Production, by Anthony Copus. The amount of songs that the children learnt and sung in such a short amount of time is a credit to the Year 1 children. Those that had lines to learn did a great job. The children looked fabulous in their costumes – thank you for supporting with this from home. I also know that it is very cheeky putting out our collection buckets out at the end of the concerts, but we are collecting for our key fundraising priorities. We are close to being able to buy the cutlery sets so a **HUGE THANKS** to all those that added to the collection buckets.

Reception Concert

Next Thursday (13th December), Reception children will be performing their concert to parents and carers. There will be two concerts (9.15am and 1.45pm). If you have not already reserved your tickets for this, please go onto the school's website to book your space.

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

Singing Around the Christmas Tree – Year 2

Next Friday (14th December), the Year 2 children will be **Singing Around the Christmas Tree** at 3:30pm (weather permitting!). A letter has been sent to Year 2 parents and carers with more details of the event. All the school community are welcome to join us on the playground for this event. We will have sections coned off for the performers and separate sections for the audience. During the event, we will also be selling raffle tickets, hot chocolate and biscuits. We will also have a stall to sell second hand school uniform in a bid to recycle. If you have any clean items that we could add to our stall, please bring them in to the school office no later than Thursday. Items will be sold for **50p** each.

Parent and Carer Survey Autumn 2018

As we near the end of the Autumn Term, I would be really interested to find out about your experiences at Barnes Farm Infant School so far. I have created a short survey using Survey Monkey and I would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to answer the questions. You can click on the following link to take you straight there:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/78LCD5Y>



Poppy Appeal

We raised **£105.34** for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you everyone.

Fund Raising 2018 – 2019

This year, we have decided that all the funds that we raise throughout the year will go into the following areas for the school:

- **Metal cutlery for lunchtimes** – The children find using the plastic cutlery hard especially on roast dinner days so we thought metal cutlery may help them to become more independent.
- **Replacing the canopy in the playground** – This will allow the children to sit under shade in the sunshine.
- **Replace the picnic benches on the playground** – Making the seating outside a more appealing area to sit socially.
- **Comfy seating in the atrium** – Our new library would be enhanced with some lovely comfy seats for us to share books.

Over the year, we hold a variety of events such as the Movie and Munch and through these events, we can buy additional resources to make the school even better for the children. So, if you see our collection bucket at the end of the concerts, you will know where the money is going!

Competition Time

Congratulations to Oliver in Hedgehog Class who was the winner of our Christmas Card competition. He designed a festive scene with an owl added for the extra Barnes Farm Infant School touch! Well done to all those that took part.

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 15th, 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.

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.

Have a great weekend all,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

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

Whole school attendance this week was **95.5%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **97.1%**.

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.

A Message from Mrs Robinson

I would really like to ask for any Oxford Reading Tree, Ladybird or Early Reader Books that parents may have finished using. We would like to use the books to start to build a bank of lovely books to support our High Frequency Recognition/Direct Instruction intervention. Any of these books donated to the school will make a big difference to our children.

PTA - Big Event!

On **Saturday 9th March**, the PTA are hosting a Charity Spring Ball 2019. The PTA have worked extremely hard to organise this event for the Barnes Farm Schools. It will be held at the Lion Inn. Please see the flyer below for more information. Bookings and payments can be made through ParentPay.

Bookworms of the Week

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

Fox Class was the winning class (**AGAIN**) 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 77% 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 – Brooke

Fox - John

Rabbit – George

Hedgehog – Jessica

Squirrel – Libby

Otter – Nathan

Tawny Owl – Jak

Barn Owl – Alice

Snowy Owl – Charlie

Headteacher's Award of the Week

Sam (Hedgehog)

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Reception – Ronnie (Badger)

Year 1 – Layla TJ (Otters)

Year 2 – George (Tawny Owl)



Well Done Children!

What would
you change
about
yesterday?

Free thinking Friday

Philosophical
question of the
week.

Here are a few of the children's thoughts:

"To have popcorn and ice cream for lunch"
"Change the weather from raining to summer"
"I would have ice cream and not fruit for dessert" (Mrs Andrews!)



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

Family Festive Fun!

Seasonal songs & stories for all ages

Chelmsford Library

Friday 21 December

10.30-11.30am



For further information contact
Essex Libraries on 0345 603 7628
or visit libraries.essex.gov.uk/events



Essex County Council



*FOBFS PTA Charity Spring Ball
Saturday 9th March 2019*

*The Lion Inn, Boreham
Prosecco Arrival at 7pm
3 Course Meal
Half Bottle of Wine
Raffle*

*Formal Dress - Masquerade Optional
Tickets £65pp or £120 for a pair
First come, first serve basis*

Payment required by Thursday 31st January 2019

Carriages at Midnight

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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