

# Barnes Farm Infant School

## Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Chinese New Year

The Reception classes have really been interested in finding out as much as they possibly can about celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have learnt all about the celebration and even shared their learning with others in the school. There have been some lovely displays created too. The children have even tried eating noodles with chopsticks which some found rather challenging.



Thank you to all those that have sent in Lego donations. Our collection is slowly growing!

#### Squirrel's Class Assembly for Parents and Carers

It was such a treat on this wet and windy Friday to start our day with such an amazing Squirrel Parent and Carer Assembly. They were wonderful and I cannot believe how well the children retold a story without any words - fantastic memories! Can I also say how lovely it was to have such a huge audience – we even needed to find more seats to accommodate everyone. Thank you as always for the support.

#### Non School Uniform Day

I sent a letter to you all in the Autumn to inform you of the passing of one of our LSAs, Mrs Francke. As a school, we decided to show our support to the family in several ways and one of the decisions was to hold a fundraising event to support the charities that supported Mrs Francke and her family during her illness. We will be holding a non-school uniform on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** and asking that if you would like to donate to pay via your ParentPay account. The money will then be divided between the two charities and sent from the school. I have included links to the charities below if you would like to find out more.

<https://www.curecjd.org/>

<https://www.justgiving.com/cjdsupport>

## Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings will be held the week after half term on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. If you have not already had the opportunity to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please click on the link below:

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+Consultations+Bookings%26%23160%3B&pid=85>

## World Book Day – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. As part of the day, we will be inviting children to come to school in fancy dress as one of their favourite book characters. This is such a fun day in school and fancy dress really adds to the experience however there is no expectation that children dress up on this day.

## YEAR 2 SATS WORKSHOP

Thank you to all those parents and carers that attended this week's SATs Workshop. Mrs Speller will also be placing the PowerPoint and information on the website for those of you unable to join us.

## DIY SOS DAY – Spring

We had several successful days last year where we asked for volunteers to come in to school over the weekend to help us make the school even better. This included painting the outsides of the demountable classrooms, gardening, painting the intervention classroom and much more. This term, we will be holding another DIY SOS day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and would really welcome any support from anyone willing to help. Volunteers gave anything from an hour to a day – and it all helped. On the 'to do' list is painting, organising and gardening. I will send out more details nearer the time but if you are able to save the date and are happy to help please do!

*Being the very best that we can be...*

Have a great weekend all,  
Mrs Farmer



Our  
developing  
Library area



## 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 **95.5%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **96.7%**.

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 – Oliver  
Fox – Leighton-Lei  
Rabbit – Dinobi  
Hedgehog – Santi  
Squirrel – Imogen  
Otter – Louis  
Tawny Owl – Jack  
Barn Owl – Bethany  
Snowy Owl – Caitlyn

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Headteachers Award

Reception – Leo  
Year 1 – Badar  
Year 2 – Archie  
Finley – Otters



Well Done Children!

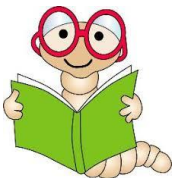
## Reading Champions

At BFIS we encourage all children to read at home each night. During morning registration, children are asked whether they have read at home the previous night. If a child has read, their read is logged on the class reading record and if they have 5 or more reads throughout the week, their name goes into the special 'cupcake' tub ready for Friday's Achievement assembly. If their name is pulled out of the tub, they can choose a special book to take home. To celebrate 'reads' at home, classrooms have a reading washing line indicating how many reads a child has accumulated over the term so far. This result is taken from the child's home reading record. Children enjoy seeing how many times they have read over the term e.g. 25, 50, 100, 125 etc... **We are aiming for all children to achieve at least 100 reads before half term** so please take time to read with your child at home as it makes such a difference to their enjoyment of books and stories as well as having a significant impact on their learning.

## Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 5 times at home. **Congratulations to Danny** 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** were the winning classes 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.



## **Well Done Bookworms. Keep Reading!**

## Lego – WANTED!

If you have Lego/Duplo that is no longer of any use to you at home, we would be delighted to take it off your hands! Today in Parent and Carer Forum, we were discussing how useful Lego is in the classroom for so many different activities and how it would be lovely to create a whole class set that could be circulated around the school to support learning opportunities. We would happily rehome a few pieces or an unwanted collection!



## 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.

# THE ZONES OF REGULATION<sup>®</sup>

EXPLORING EMOTIONS



### What is it?

- The ability to effectively manage and respond to emotional experiences.

### Why is it important?

- To help children identify how they are feeling and teach efficient self-regulation strategies.
- To teach children that there are no 'bad' emotions, but to recognise whether their emotional response is appropriate to the situation. For example, crying for a week after you drop your ice-cream on the floor is not an appropriate emotional response to the situation.

### What can parents/carers do?

- Talk to your child about how they are feeling, help them to identify the emotion.
- Talk about their body cues when they feel that emotion (e.g., "You are crying. Are you sad?")
  - Discuss why they are feeling a certain way, has anything happened?

These are the characters and words we will be using to introduce The Zones to the children.

### **The Zones of Regulation: BLUE / GREEN / YELLOW / RED Zones**



Sad  
Sick  
Bored  
Sleepy  
Moving Slowly



Good to Go!  
Happy  
Calm  
Focused  
Ready to Learn!



Frustrated  
Worried  
Scared  
Silly  
Excited



Angry  
Mad  
Yelling  
Out of Control  
I need some space

## **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  
 Kate Sutton- Community Governor  
 Mrs Z. Farmer - Head teacher  
 Mrs E Speller – Deputy Head teacher and Staff Governor  
 Elizabeth Keeley - Community Governor

### **SPRING TERM 1**

<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last Day of Term <b>Non School Uniform Day</b>	
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**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

### **SPRING TERM 2**

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>	Infant School Hall
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>	Infant School Hall
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>	Children to dress up as their favourite book character.
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop – 9.15am</b>	Infant School Hall
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly Otter 9.15am</b>	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>KS1 Tag Rugby Competition</b>	Writtle College (Invited pupils)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>KS1 Gymnastic Competition</b>	CSAC (Invited pupils)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly Badger 9.15am</b>	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last Day of Term	

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3.15pm**

**EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**



Essex Primary SCITT

Thinking about a career in primary teaching...

Come along and meet us and find out more  
at one of our upcoming events

**Drop in Coffee Morning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

8.30-10.30 Newlands Spring Primary School, Dickens Place, Chelmsford  
CM1 4UU

**Train to Teach event**

4-7pm 14<sup>th</sup> February University of Suffolk, IP4 1QJ

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enable me to  
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practice"

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