

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 1st March 2019

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

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a productive start to the half term. Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended the Parents Consultation Evenings this week. We hope that you not only had the chance to speak to your child's class teacher to discuss progress towards targets but also looked through some of the learning from this year. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's class teacher for their spring report.

World Book Day 7th March - Extreme Reading Photograph

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we would like to invite the children to bring in an Extreme Reading Photograph as part of our competitions. We would like creative photographs of the children reading in unusual places (please be safe!). There will be a prize for the 'Extreme Readers' in each year group! We ask that photographs come in week beginning the 4th March with your child's name and class written on the back of the photograph. By telling you in advance, we are hoping to get as many 'extreme' photographs as possible. Thank you for the entries that have already been handed in to the school.

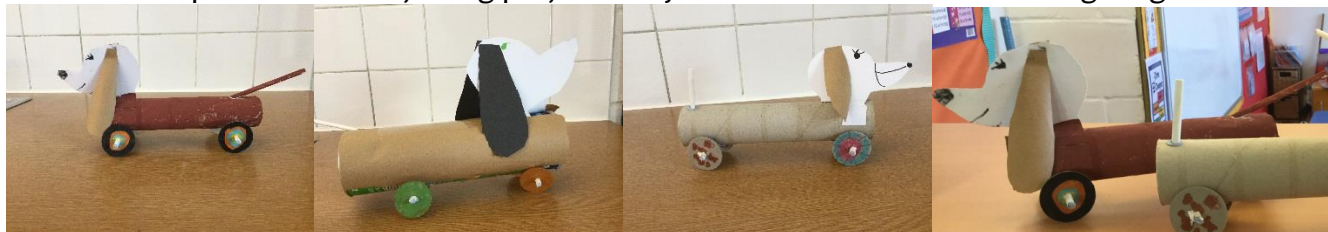
Before and After School Club

This term, we start to ask those parents who are interested in a space in Before and After School Club for the new academic year to let us know. There will be information available shortly for you to inform us if you are interested.

Phonics Workshop

Mrs Speller will be holding a Phonics Workshop on Friday 8th March @ 9:15pm to explain the Year 1 Phonics Screening and Phonics teaching to parents/carers.

Year 1 have been continuing their Toys project and Hedgehog class have made some 'slinky dog' characters as part of their DT joining project. They are fabulous – Well done Hedgehogs.



Have a lovely weekend all,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Barn Owl with 99.3%**. Well done to Barn Owl!

Whole school attendance this week was **96.8%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **96.8%**.

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 – Sophia

Fox - Zoe

Rabbit – Sofia

Hedgehog – Lia

Squirrel – Sienna

Otter – Tommy

Tawny Owl – Daisy

Barn Owl – Lila

Snowy Owl – Eloise

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Reception – John (Fox)

Year 1 – Oliver A (Squirrel)

Year 2 – Lila W (Barn)



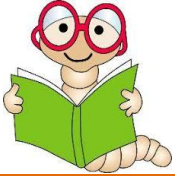
GOLD CERTIFICATES - Olivia in Fox class and Archie in Snowy Owl class

Well Done Children!

Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 5 times at home. **Congratulations to Eloise from 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.

Barn 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 70% of their children reading 5 times this week.



Well Done Bookworms. Keep Reading!

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our meeting took place in our library zone today. Many of our school councillors were pleased they had been helping children find their friends in the playground and making sure the EYFS children were enjoying their playtimes.

Joseph raised the issue that the school was a little untidy, so we agreed to do some litter picking next week and remind our classmates to pick up litter and keep our lovely school tidy.

Our job this week was to sort the non-fiction books in the new library boxes and begin to categorise the fiction collection. We agreed on Animal, Adventure, Bear, Disney, Sporty, Funny and Poetry. We are also going to have a First News Newspaper section as well as a comic book box. If you have any old comics at home please can you bring them into school.



WORLD BOOK DAY

A Message from Mrs Speller

Next Thursday 7th March we are celebrating World Book Day with a host of special book-related activities going on in school and where we invite the children to dress as their favourite book character. In the morning, we will have a **Book Character Parade in assembly** so each class can show off their chosen costumes. Please do not worry about buying an outfit, a simple outfit maybe Matilda, Lola (from Charlie and Lola), Sophie from the BFG, Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate factory or Joe from Billionaire Boy.

Throughout the day, our Reception children will read with the Year 2 children and the Year 1 classes will mix up too to share their favourite stories with a new friend. Our teachers will hold **Storytelling sessions** where they will read their most treasured book and will pitch to the children in assembly. Classes will design a bookmark depicting their favourite storybook and will be entered into a **bookmark**

competition. Prizes will be given to a Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 winner.

Due to the overwhelming success of last year's **Potato head book character competition** we will be running it again so please begin to bring in your potato character from Monday onwards so that we can start to display them in the atrium. Winners will be given special prizes and appear in next week's newsletter.



Photos of the day will go into the photo gallery on the website.



In classes, lots of books will be read including ebooks and the Year 2's will have the opportunity to hear from their favourite authors from the World Book Day website. Lots of fun will be had as we celebrate the wonderful world of books!

For more information and ideas for World Book Day please visit worldbookday.com

Easter Competition Time!

Mrs Hayward would like to inform you all that she will be holding an Easter Egg competition. There will be 4 categories: Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Parents and Carers!

She would like anyone willing to take part in the competitions to design an Easter egg on a sheet of paper that is no bigger than A4.

Mrs Hayward will be looking for creative designs to be added to the hall display.

Competition entries back to school by **Monday 25th March**

Winners will be told Friday 29th March

Please ensure that child's name and class is on the back (and for adult entries the adults name as well!)

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE



Barnes Farm Infant School Easter Coffee & Cake Sale Thursday 4th April 2019

Tea, coffee and cakes available in the school
hall for parents from 2:15pm.

Cake sale from the Atrium Doors from 3:15pm

Teas/Coffees – 50p

Cakes – 50p

All proceeds will go towards resources for our Owlets Nurture Base
and developing the school environment



Non-Pupil Dates 2019 – 2020

Many of you have been asking about holiday dates 2019 – 2020. The following dates have been set as our non-pupil dates for 2019-2020 in addition to the county holiday dates for this academic year.

- 3rd Sept
- 4th Nov
- 6th Jan
- 24th February
- 22nd May

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

Diary of Events

SPRING TERM 2

Monday 25th February	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
Wednesday 27th February	Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm	Infant School Hall To be booked on Website
Thursday 28th February	Parents Evening – 5.30pm-8.00pm	Infant School Hall To be booked on Website
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	Children to dress up as their favourite book character.
Friday 8th March	Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop – 9.15am	Infant School Hall
Thursday 14th March	Parent and Carer Assembly Otter 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.

Thursday 14th March	Year 2 School Trip - Cathedral and Mosque	
Monday 18th March	KS1 Tag Rugby Competition	Writtle College (Invited pupils)
Tuesday 19th March	KS1 Gymnastic Competition	CSAC (Invited pupils)
Thursday 21st March	Infant Music Festival	
Saturday 23rd March	DIY SOS	All Volunteers Welcome
Tuesday 26th March	Epilepsy Awareness Day	Wear something PURPLE. Not a fundraiser but a way to raise awareness in school.
Thursday 28th March	Parent and Carer Assembly Badger 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Monday 1st April	Year 1 School Trip – Mountfitchet Castle	
Thursday 4th April	Easter Cake Sale	
Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term	

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS – Friday 5th April at 3.15pm

EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April

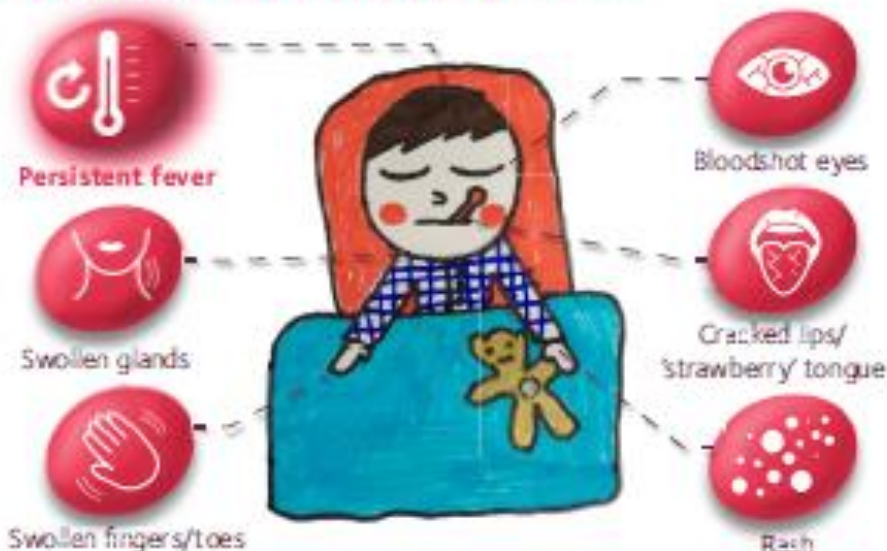
THINK Kawasaki Disease



Kawasaki Disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children in the UK. It's time we changed that...

...Together we will

Kawasaki Disease Symptoms:



Kawasaki Disease is **increasingly common** in the UK

If a child has a **persistent high fever** for 5 days or more, with **TWO** or more of these symptoms please **THINK Kawasaki Disease**

Kawasaki Disease can be present with some or all of these symptoms

Please **EXPECT** to see it, be **READY** to treat it!

Society Foundation, registered charity (England and Wales No. 1172253)

EARLY TREATMENT IS KEY ...PLEASE DON'T DELAY

Children diagnosed and treated in **less than 7 days** from onset of fever have a much reduced risk of life long heart damage

Kawasaki Disease is predominantly a childhood illness. Its cause is unknown. **Kawasaki Disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children.** It is often mistaken for other common childhood illnesses, leading to delayed treatment. Children who go untreated or who are treated later face significantly higher risks of developing serious complications including life long heart damage. Babies under one year are at greatest risk of serious heart damage. **Early diagnosis and treatment is critical.**

Current UK & Ireland Outcomes for Kawasaki Disease



TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THIS!

Source: data from Taha et al. Kawasaki Disease: a prospective population survey UK & Ireland 2013-15

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