

# Barnes Farm Infant School

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week seems to have flown by at Barnes Farm (blown by). There's lots of news to share below and key dates to take note of...

#### Eco Schools

We are an Eco School and this term, Mrs Tully would like to set up a pupil Eco School committee with the children. To establish her new team, Mrs Tully has asked the children to produce a poster to say why they should represent the group. Mrs Tully will then decide who will be on the committee based on the ideas. As part of Eco Schools, we look at how we can reduce our waste, be environmentally friendly, keep a clean environment and much, much more. Posters need to be with Mrs Tully for next Friday from those children wishing to be considered for the role.

#### School Visit

I am extremely impressed with the feedback from staff that I have had about the behaviour of our Year 2 children on Thursday as the children visited the local cathedral and mosque (during some very wet weather). The behaviour and manners of the children were a credit to the school and I am very proud, as always, of our children. Thank you to all the volunteers that joined us this week.

#### Local Parking

I have received a complaint from a local resident this week regarding the parking situation in the roads surrounding the school. I appreciate that there are many parents and carers that need to drive to school to pick up children, however, please can I ask that you are considerate of the residents and also ensure that you do not park on any yellow lines.

It was lovely to see so many children from both schools collect their 3PR tokens this morning from walking to school. There is also an arrangement with ASDA that parents and carers are welcome to use the carpark during school run times. Any child walking from ASDA on a 3PR day will receive a green token which is worth two points for the class!

#### DIY SOS

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we are holding a DIY SOS day. We have held several of these days in the past, where we invite all members of the local community to support school development and improvement. Past examples were painting the outside classrooms, painting the intervention room and gardening. This term, our DIY SOS day will focus on the following:

Painting - areas of the school

Gardening - clearing and improving areas

Library books - adding library tickets to our books so the children can experience a loan system

As you can see there are a variety of jobs to be undertaken on the day and we are asking for anyone from our school community who is prepared to help us, even for an hour, to come along. If anyone knows any businesses

or local companies that would be able to help, please ask them to email the school ([admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.school.uk](mailto:admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.school.uk)) or sign up on the below link. So if you are a parent, carer, grandparent, older sibling who is over 18 and can give up an hour, morning, afternoon or even a day, please sign up to the link below to join us. Without our volunteers, we would be unable to achieve so much as a school and any help is very much appreciated.

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/form/?pid=3&form=397>

### Epilepsy Awareness Day

On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be supporting Epilepsy Awareness Day by encouraging the children to wear something purple. This could be either an item of clothing e.g. a t-shirt or a full outfit. This will not be a fund raiser but an awareness day in school where we will talk to the children about epilepsy.

### Good Luck

And finally, Good Luck to all the children that are taking part in the various activities next week, whether it is the music festival or the various sporting events, we hope that you enjoy the experience.

### DIY SOS

Please see the poster below regarding a one-day PE camp during the next holiday. It was something that our Parent Council felt would really benefit the school so we are going to trial this in the next holiday to see if it is successful and if so, we will run again. There are only 30 spaces so make sure that you sign up if you would like your child to join Mr King.

Mrs Farmer



## Attendance

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

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

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

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 – Kimberley

Fox - Poppy

Rabbit – Jasmin

Hedgehog – Holly

Squirrel – Freddie

Otter – Mason

Tawny Owl – Liam

Barn Owl – Jayden

Snowy Owl – Zaeem

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Reception – Georgi

Year 1 – Callum

Year 2 – Lola



Well Done Children!

## Year 2 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral and Mosque

As part of our RE and British Values curriculum, Year 2 took a trip to two different places of worship this week to compare and contrast different faiths and to appreciate that we need to be understanding of people's beliefs in our world. The mosque was interesting as we learnt how Muslims pray and how they are called to pray 5 times a day. Some children even got to dress up in traditional Muslim clothes. In the cathedral our Year 2 children took part in 'the last supper', took a trip in a boat with St. Sedd and roamed the beautiful building in search of signs and symbols of Christianity. The sun shone through the stained-glass windows which many of children thought was pretty. They were each given a battery-operated tea light and wooden cross as a memento of their day. Our children were complemented



Our children were complemented

on their behaviour throughout the day as they asked relevant questions and handled religious objects.



For more photos please see the website gallery.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council were unable to meet this week so will begin to sell World Book Day bookmarks from next Thursday. If your child has already bought money in please do not worry as the children will be reminded in assembly next week to keep it safe until Thursday.





Well done to **Mrs Kilpatrick** who was awarded Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools this week. We are very proud of you and glad you are part of the Barnes Farm team.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Winners will be told Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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





**MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP**  
**BARNES FARM INFANT SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 10th**

**9AM - 3PM**

**£10 per child**

**ONLY 30 SPACES AVAILABLE**

**For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils from BFIS**

Activities for the day will vary from: Dodgeball, speed rounders, indoor archery, cricket, Basketball, Football, scooter hockey and many more.

If you would like your child(ren) to attend the multi-sports holiday camp please provide the necessary consent and payment through your ParentPay account.

Please provide your child with:

- A suitable packed lunch for the day
- Plenty of water
- A small snack (as the children will be active all day)
- Trainers and to come in suitable clothing for physical exercise

### 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.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan
- 24<sup>th</sup> February
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

<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 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Infant Music Festival</b>	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>DIY SOS</b>	All Volunteers Welcome
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Epilepsy Awareness Day</b>	Wear something PURPLE. Not a fundraiser but a way to raise awareness in school.



<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly</b> <b>Badger</b> 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Cheerleading Competition</b>	CSAC (Invited pupils)
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 1 School Trip –</b> Mountfitchet Castle	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Cake Sale</b>	
<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**

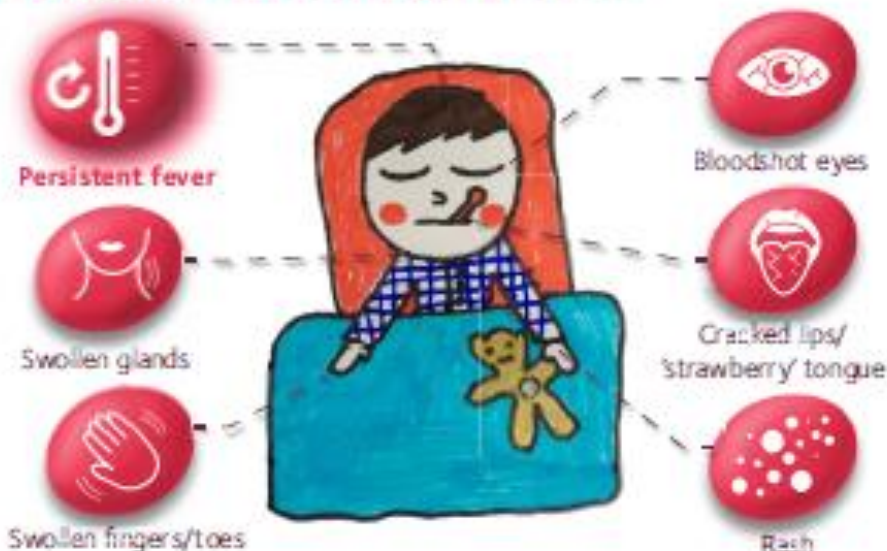
# THINK Kawasaki Disease



**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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 @Society\_UK\_KD  
[www.justgiving.com/society](http://www.justgiving.com/society)

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