

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 29th March 2019

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

DIY SOS Day

What a difference a day really makes! There was a team in school last Saturday to try to complete as many DIY jobs as possible! I would like to thank all the staff (and their children – big and small), governors and parents (plus one pupil) that came to the school to make a difference. We managed to paint the school hall, tidy the Owlets Garden, plant flowers kindly donated by ASDA, and begin to label the Library books so that we can eventually run a checking in and out system. Thank you to all again... there will be another in the Summer term for all to come and help.

County Finals – Cheer Leading Competition

I am so proud of the school cheer leading team who this week attended the county finals after successfully moving through the first stages. The team were confident and worked very hard in the run up to the competition. The hard work paid off with the team coming ...

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...in the county and coming home with SILVER medals. Well done all and thank you to Miss Hook for her creative efforts too!

Badger's Parents and Carers Assembly

This week, it was the turn of Badger Class to perform to an audience. They acted out the story of the Enormous Turnip. The children also shared their Zones of Regulation work with the adults and sung beautifully. There was a lovely surprise at the end for the visitors which gave all a big smile. Well done children – another first milestone completed.

Easter Egg Competition

Thank you to all the children (and adults) that took part in the Easter Egg competition. We have a wonderful display in the hall with all the entries. The following were the overall winners, all receiving an Easter Egg!

Reception – Sophia
Year 1 – Layla JT
Year 2 – Scarlett
Adult – Mrs Sharp
Highly Commended – Josh (Hedgehogs)

Epilepsy Awareness Day

Thank you to all the children that supported the day by wearing something purple. It was a fantastic opportunity to educate our children and wearing something purple really made the day stand out.

Parent and Carer Forum

The next parent and carer forum will focus on BFIS being a Healthy School. I would like to invite any parent, carer or grandparent that would like to find out a bit more about being a Healthy School but also I would welcome any feedback/ideas to help us move towards being even healthier! The next forum will be held on **Monday 1st April at 2.30pm.**

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/form/?pid=3&form=401>

Reception Parents and Carers

For any parent and carer who currently has a child in Reception, please could I ask you to take a few moments to answer some questions about your experiences when first joining the school. I am about to start preparing to welcome the New to Reception 2019 parents and carers and would like to see if there is anything that worked well and anything that could have been done any better. Please use the link below or the code to add your thoughts – thank you in advance for your time and feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSJHBRZ>



Have a lovely weekend all!

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 **96.3%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **96.9%**.

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 – Evan
Fox – Vanshika
Rabbit – Amelia
Hedgehog – Pranshi
Squirrel – Joshua
Otter – Scarlett
Tawny Owl – Scarlett
Barn Owl – Joy
Snowy Owl – Laura

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Reception – Maria (Badger)
Year 1 – George (Otter)
Year 2 – Harry (Barn Owl)



Well Done Children!

Bookworms of the Week

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

Tawny 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 68% of their children reading 5 times this week.



Well Done Bookworms. Keep Reading!



Our new Eco Committee met for the first time this week.



Meet the Team- Foundation Stage – Brooke, Lucy and Emelia, Year 1- Mia, Alex and Elsie and in Year 2- Erin, Caitlin and Scarlett.

We were all very excited and keen to get on with the challenge of improving our school environment. We went on a walk around school and were sad to notice some litter and fruit waste on the playground. We decided to ask if we could have some new waste bins for the playground and want to organise a litter pick and make posters to encourage everyone to use the waste bins.

We also decided that we would like to try and replant the 3 raised beds on the edge of the playground to give us all something lovely to look at during the summer and encourage insects such as butterflies to visit our playground.

Mrs Tully



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 Headteacher and Staff Governor
Elizabeth Keeley - Community Governor

Diary of Events

SPRING TERM 2

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

SUMMER TERM 1

Tuesday 23rd April	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
Friday 26th April	School Disco	Consent form and payment via ParentPay by 19 th April
Week beginning Monday 29th April	Clubs start	
Monday 29th April	KS1 PE 3 Tees 2	St John Payne
Thursday 2nd May	Parent and Carer Assembly Rabbits – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Tuesday 7th May – Friday 17th May	Year 2 SATS Weeks	
Thursday 23rd May	Last Day of Term	
Friday 24th May	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR MAY HALF TERM – Thursday 23rd May at 3.15pm

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Tuesday 28th May – Friday 31st May