

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



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Friday 5th April 2019

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cake Sale

Thank you to all those that either made, donated or ate the cakes yesterday afternoon for the Well-being Team's cake sale. They made over £100 which will all be spent on improving resources for the Owllet Nurture Base and improving the school environment.

New Playground Furniture

Mr Bardrum spent two hours putting together our new playground bench this week which looks a treat! Thank you, Mr Bardrum. We were able to buy the bench with the fundraising money collected so far this year. We are aiming to purchase three more to sit underneath our shaded seating area so we can remove the older wooden benches.



Year 1 Trip

Year 1 had a wonderful time at Mountfitchet Castle on Monday. They were able to use their knowledge about castles to explore further the grounds. They experienced the sights, sounds and smells (!) of medieval life. Some children even had the chance to try out the stocks and were put into jail. I have been told that the children were extremely well-behaved and that they received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mountfitchet Castle.

Another Award!

Congratulations to the school for achieving the KS1 Physical Education, School Sport and Activity award. This award is given to the school for our commitment to taught PE, clubs offered, competitions attended and well-being support in the school. Miss Hook spends a huge amount of time organising events and clubs for our school and I would like to thank her for all that she has achieved to get the school this recognition.

Parent and Carer Forum – Healthy School

Thank you to those parents/carers that responded via email or joined me for the Health Schools Parent and Carer forum. It was lovely to hear views from home as to how we can promote lots of different elements to the school. I look forward to implementing some of the ideas in the Summer Term.

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>



Home Learning – Take Away Menus

I was asked recently how Take Away Menu Home Learning is celebrated in class. There are a variety of ways including, show and tell, adding to the class display, stickers, Golden Time Squares and sharing with the Headteacher. I have been visited today by Holly who has shown me her Wizard Room made inside a small box. Well done Holly.



Have a holiday break all!
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Badger and Otter Class with 97.3%**. Well done to them both!

Whole school attendance this week was **90.2%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **96.6%**.

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 – Brooke

Fox – Jaeden

Rabbit – Alex

Hedgehog – Kelly

Squirrel – Ollie C

Otter – George

Tawny Owl – William R

Barn Owl – Hannah

Snowy Owl – Edward

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Reception – Rebecca (Fox)

Year 1 – Vishnu (Hedgehog)

Year 2 – Eleanor (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 John from Fox 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 70% of their children reading 5 times this week.



Well Done Bookworms. Keep Reading!

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

Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term	
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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 CLOSURES FOR MAY HALF TERM – Thursday 23rd May at 3.15pm

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