

Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 10th May 2019

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

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

New School Logo

Over this term, we are hoping to be introducing a new school logo. We will be keeping our owl, but the wording and font will be changing slightly. We are currently investigating whether the new logo could be placed on uniform orders for September and we will keep you updated on this. The plan is to start using the logo gradually and phase out the old uniform. Please do not think that this means that you need to replace your child's school uniform. You do not! As I said, the school will be taking a phased approach to this as the new logo is used more so it is still OK for the current style jumpers to be worn in September.

Walking Bus

This term, the infant and junior school would like to trial a walking bus to see if we can reduce the heavy traffic flow outside the school at the end of the day. We will be looking to trial a 'walking bus' on a Wednesday after school where members of staff from both schools would walk pupils from our site to the ASDA car park. As part of the 3PR scheme, ASDA already permit parents and carers from Barnes Farm Schools to park at the end of the car park for drop-off and pick-up times. Both schools would like to know whether this is something that parents/carers would be interested in. If this is of interest to you, please can you click on the link below to show your interest. This is not committing you to anything, it is just to see if there is an interest for this to be established. If the schools receive a positive response, there would be a weekly registration using a link to add your child to the Walking Bus register.

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/form/?pid=3&form=404>

Year 2 – 3 Transition

As part of the transition activities between Year 2 and Year 3, we would like to invite you to attend an information meeting at the Junior School on **Wednesday 19th June at 6.30pm**. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the Junior school. All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend, including current or former parents of the Junior School. Mr McTaggart, Mr McIntosh and I will be present to talk to you about any individual questions or concerns you may have at that time.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Barn Owl 99.6%**. Well done to Barn Owl!

Whole school attendance this week was **95.9%**.

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



Badger – Samuel

Fox – Leo

Rabbit – Sophie

Hedgehog – Vishnu

Squirrel – Jasmine

Otter – Liutaruas

Tawny Owl – Elizabeth

Barn Owl – Aston

Snowy Owl – Alessio

Mathematical Wizards of the Week

Reception – Ben (Rabbit)

Year 1 – James (Hedgehog)

Year 2 – Harley (Barn Owl)

Well Done Children!

Bookworms of the Week

Well done to all the Super readers this week for reading 4 times at home. **Congratulations to Sofia from Squirrel class** who won the prize draw. 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.

Snowy Owl class was the class with the most children reading at home. **Haydn** chose a new book for their class library

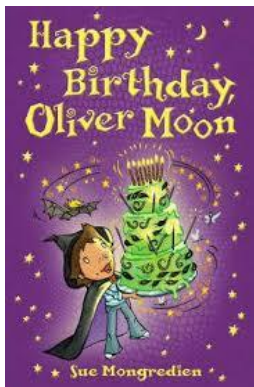


Well Done Bookworms. Keep Reading!

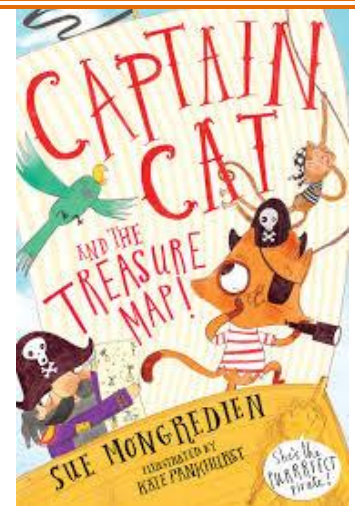
A message from Mrs Tully, Miss Hook, Mrs Shelsher and Mrs Speller

Our Year 2 children started their SATS today with the Spelling and Grammar papers. They impressed us with their determination to do their best, resilience and have a go attitude. Well done Tawny, Barn and Snowy Owls; have a super weekend and remember 'lots of sleep' ready for next week.

Author Sue Mongredien Visiting Soon



We are very excited to be offering our Barnes Farm children the opportunity to meet well-known author Sue Mongredien on **Wednesday 12th June**. She has written books such as the Oliver Moon series, Harry and the Monster and will be introducing her latest character; Captain Cat. Patch is a ship's cat who lives aboard The Golden Earring. Along with his friends, Cutlass the parrot and Monty the monkey, Patch frequently gets the pirate crew out of trouble – although they never realise quite how much she does to save their skin. Sue will be promoting her Captain Cat series and our children will have the opportunity to pre-order their own copy which she can personally sign on the day.



Further details will follow 'm'hearties' soon...

Support for a Defibrillator to be installed at Barnes Farm Schools



I am raising funds towards the cost of a defibrillator for Barnes Farm Infants and Junior Schools - to help keep pupils, staff, families and our wider Barnes Farm family safe.

After a terrifying few months for me and my family, I recently had my pacemaker fitted for a deadly heart arrhythmia. A heart condition can affect anyone, any age - adult, child, any level of fitness, any size, any walk of life, anyone. If you think you know what a heart condition looks like from the outside you are very wrong. The picture to the left is me - at the time with a deadly heart condition that could have meant sudden cardiac arrest, stroke or worse at any moment - I am one of the very lucky ones, my heart stopped causing a blackout and was caught in time.

I started a mixture of running/walking last week during my recovery and on 12 May still aim to complete the Colchester 10km as planned before my diagnosis - this will be a huge milestone for me - if you would like to sponsor me for this cause that would be amazing.

[Click here to go to Michelle's Justgiving page](#)

Schools are unable to apply for funding so have to meet the costs themselves to install a defibrillator on site. I would like to help with your support to raise the money to contribute towards the cost for Barnes Farm schools.

In the UK alone:

- 12 young people under the age of 35 die each week from sudden cardiac arrest
- 270 children pass away in the UK every year after suffering a Sudden Cardiac Arrest at school.
- Without immediate treatment, 90-95% of Sudden Cardiac Arrest victims will die
- If a defibrillator is used and effective CPR is performed within 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest, the chance of survival increases from 6% to 74%

Please your support will mean so much, any donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated xxx Thank you

Michelle Eley

[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

SUMMER TERM 1

Tuesday 7th May – Friday 17th May	Year 2 SATS Weeks	
Thursday 23rd May	Closed for Polling Day	
Friday 24th May	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR MAY HALF TERM – Wednesday 22nd May at 3.15pm

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

SUMMER TERM 2

Monday 3rd June	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
Week Beginning Monday 3rd June	Clubs start	
Thursday 6th June	Year 2 Mini Olympics	
Week Beginning 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week	
Wednesday 12th June	Author Visit – Sue Mongredien	Sue is the author of the Captain Cat series. There will be an opportunity to pre order a book to be signed on the day – information to follow.
Thursday 13th June	Class Photographs	
Thursday 13th June	Parent and Carer Assembly Fox – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Tuesday 18th June	Reception School Trip	

	Boydells Farm	
Wednesday 16th June	Information Meeting at Barnes Farm Junior School	Y2 to Y3 pupils only.
Thursday 20th June	Year 2 School Trip Hyde Hall	
Thursday 27th June	Transition Day	New to reception pupils visiting. Existing pupils to go to new classes. Yr2 pupils to go to Barnes Farm Juniors.
Thursday 27th June	Open Evening	Barnes Farm Infant School Barnes Farm Junior School
Wednesday 3rd July	Celebration Event	Boswells School
Thursday 4th July	Sports Day	Morning Only
Friday 5th July	Reserve Sports Day	
Thursday 18th July	Year 2 Leavers Concert 6.30pm	
Friday 19th July	Year 2 Leavers Concert 9.15am	
Wednesday 24th July	Last Day of Term	

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER – Wednesday 24th July