



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 24th July 2019

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



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodbye Year 2

Well what can I say? Our children are fantastic at BFIS and we have had an amazing year for lots of different reasons. It is the sad time of year for us when we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2. We know that they are not going too far (most of them) but we will still miss them around the school. The Year 2 cohort have been great role models throughout the year, they have demonstrated a lot of our key learning strengths on a regular basis and have represented the school brilliantly in many activities. We wish you all the best for the future – we know you will ‘aim high, fly higher’ as you move into KS2.

Sports Day 2019 Gallery

I have been made aware that the Sports Day Gallery is not working correctly on our school website (only one photo is showing). We will look at this over the summer and hope to have the photos on the site for all to view in September.

Childcare

With the summer holiday now here, I know many of you will be looking forward to spending the weeks with your child(ren), but you might still require childcare over the holidays, or before and after school outside of the holidays. I have included a link below to the Essex County Council website which provides useful information on the different types of childcare available and an interactive map to help you find local Ofsted registered childcare. There is also a link to the Role of Ofsted who inspect or regulate many providers including childminders and holiday play schemes.

I would urge all parents who are or considering childcare to please ensure that you have made the appropriate checks e.g. Ofsted registered, DBS checked etc.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare/Choosing%20the%20right%20childcare/Pages/Types-of-childcare.aspx>

2019 Parent and Carer Summer Survey

It's that time of year again! I would really appreciate it if you have a few moments to spare to answer our 10 Survey Monkey questions. The survey asks about your views of the school in general. It is important as a school that we ask for feedback so that we know how we are doing and areas we need to improve. We always strive to be the very best that we can be and we can only do this by asking questions of children, parents and staff. I am told it only takes minutes to complete. You can log on using the link below to the website or the QR code – Thank you for your time.

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



Attendance for the Year

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

Whole school attendance for the year is **96.4%**. For those of your returning next year, we have the **97%** target to reach!

And finally... a Barnes Farm Thank You

I would personally like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all staff, governors, parents/carers and pupils of the BFIS community. Without the tremendous support from our school community, we would not be able to create such wonderful learning opportunities for the children.

Have a wonderful summer,
Mrs Farmer



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
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

Autumn TERM 1

Wednesday 4th September	8:45am – Doors Open for the new term.	
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