



# Barnes Farm Infant School

## Newsletter



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Parent and Carer Workshops

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have attended the New to... Workshops. It has been lovely to see the workshops in all year groups we supported. I hope the sessions were informative and gave you a general understanding of the year ahead for your child. In addition to these talks, key information about your child's education can be found on our website – [www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk](http://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk) Information regarding curriculum can be found under the 'Our Curriculum' tab and additional information is updated to the class pages.

#### Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk – 4<sup>th</sup> October



Do not forget we will be holding our **fancy-dress sponsored walk** on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** (weather permitting). This is to help us raise much-needed school funds to improve our school. Last year, our fundraising events helped us to purchase new metal cutlery for lunchtimes, buy beautiful benches for the playground and we are still saving to replace the canopy for shade.

Remember if your child does not have a fancy-dress outfit, non-school uniform is also an option - please do not buy a fancy-dress outfit especially for this day. We will be asking that the sponsor money is handed into school by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. This can be paid in via ParentPay.

#### A Message from Mrs Robinson

We are very proud of our children's behaviour at BFIS and over this term, we are focusing on showing '**Owl-standing Behaviour**'.

This term, we are all trying hard to show 'Fantastic Walking' when we are moving around the school to make sure that everyone is walking quietly and sensibly through the main building. Also, we are concentrating on using good manners, particularly at lunchtime. We are encouraging the children to use please, thank you and excuse me when they are lining up to get their school lunch. The children are being encouraged to use good table manners including using their knife and fork to cut up their own lunches. If you could continue to practise this at home with them too, we are sure that by the end of this term we will indeed all be showing **Owl-standing Behaviour!** 😊

### Cutting Up Grapes and Tomatoes

If your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home and they have grapes or cherry tomatoes, please ensure that these are cut into quarters so they are not a choking hazard – thank you.

### Reusing Unwanted Uniform

If you have any unwanted school uniform that you are happy for the school to have please send it to us - we need to restock our 'spares' boxes. There are times when children need to borrow an item of clothing, especially in this wet weather and it is always helpful if we can provide additional items of clothing to borrow rather than phoning home. We are in need of trousers, shirts and PE kits. If you are happy to donate any old uniform that you do not need, we would really appreciate it. Also, if your child attends the junior school and you do not know what to do with their infant bookbag, we would love to have these too!

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



### Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was both **Snowy Owl and Barn Owl** with **99.3%**.

Whole school attendance this week was **98%**.

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **97.5%**.

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.**



## **Celebration Awards**

### Reception

Badger  
Fox  
Rabbit

Whole Class  
Whole Class  
Whole Class

### Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

George  
Thaleia  
Lacey

### Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Kostek  
Cherish  
Sofia

### Mathematical Wizard

Year 1  
Year 2

Esosa  
Libby

### Headteacher's Award

Oliver B – Barn Owl

Bookworm of the Week  
Class of the Week

Oliver Br  
Snowy with 82%%

## Homework

Each week, we aim to publish the homework pages for Year 1 and 2. In addition to the homework, we encourage the children to read as much as possible with adults at home.

	Mathematics	English
Year 1	-	Page 5
Year 2	Page 15	Page 19 Spellings

## 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

### **AUTUMN TERM 1**

<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Cross Country	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival Food Donations Begin	Bring Items to School Office
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>New to Reception 2020 Talks</b> 9.15am	Register on Website
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Barnes Farms Schools Scholastic Book Fair</b>	Will be set up in the Atrium
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>KS1 English Workshop</b> 9.00am – 10.00am	Infant School Hall
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>KS1 English Workshop</b> 5.30pm – 6.30pm	Infant School Hall
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Flu Immunisations</b>	Information to Follow
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 2 School Trip Braintree Museum</b>	
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Friendship Day</b> Last Day of Term	Pupils to wear an item of clothing or accessory to represent their <b>house team</b> colours.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last Day of Term	

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 3.15pm**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**