



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 15th November 2019

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been fun packed and full of great learning opportunities. On Wednesday, the school took part in 'No Pens' day. Lots of exciting and creative learning took place without being recorded using pens or pencils. Through Mantle of the Expert, the children in Reception have been exploring fairy tales. The Market Trader from Jack and the Beanstalk came to talk to the group, although he did look a lot like Mr McTaggart from the junior school! Year 1 will be rehearsing their concert over the next few weeks. Year 1 parents and carers will receive information regarding shows and bookings next week. The children also look wonderful today in their non-school uniform to support Children in Need. We will keep you updated with the total raised for the charity next week. Donations for the charity can still be made via ParentPay.

Please see the below information regarding Year 2 pupils transferring to Year 3/KS2:

Year 2- 3 admissions for September 2020

The process for Year 2 to 3 transfers for Year 3 admissions into junior schools for September 2020 requires that parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application to the Council and can do so via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The junior admission round opens on **11 November 2019**, for parents of children to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September **2020**.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2020**.

From 11 November 2019, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Letters will not be sent to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.

General Election - School to Remain Open

The Junior School has once more been designated as a polling station for the upcoming General Election. We always do everything we can to remain open on these occasions but as you know, some elections in the past have caused us to close when we cannot make arrangements that guarantee the security of the whole school site, including the Infant School.

In this instance, we are pleased that both schools are able to remain open, due a mobile unit which will be sited in our car park. This will enable us to retain the secure integrity of the school grounds, while fulfilling our obligations as a polling station, and at no extra cost to the school(s). It should be noted for future

reference that the local electoral services are making this arrangement for this election only, given its unexpected nature and challenging timing, and it may not be repeated on future occasions.

All children are therefore to attend school as normal on Thursday 12th December.

Reception 2019 Survey

For those Parents and Carers with a child in Reception, our initial Reception Survey is now open. Thank you to those that have already responded. If you have not responded yet, and have a child in Rabbit, Fox or Badger Class, you can complete the survey by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CN2N7HZ>

Reading at Home

Remember, we like all children to aim to read to an adult at home at least x4 each week. All the children are part of a Class Reading game which calculates the number of times a child reads at home and moves them along. Children can collect certificates for reaching certain milestones.

The Sun - Books for Schools

The Sun newspaper has teamed up with Harper Collins to provide free books to primary schools worth £600 and both Barnes Farm schools have signed up. To enable each school to receive their free pack of books all we need to do is for each school to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between **Saturday 23rd November** and **Saturday 18th January 2020**. If you or your family and friends read The Sun, please collect the tokens and send them into school.

Clubs – SPEC Coaching Company

Message regarding Monday Clubs (Before and After School)

Monday Before School 8.00-8.45am Multi-sports club for all Year 1 & 2.

KS1 Multi-sports school club will be led by Mr King. In the sessions, we focus on key fundamental skills including individual skills. We encourage the children to try a variety of Sports including Kwik cricket, tennis, hockey, dodgeball, speed rounders, bench ball, tag games, super frisbee and many more!

Monday After School 3.15-4.15pm Girls Football Club Year 1 & 2

In the sessions, Mr King will focus on key fundamental skills including individual skills with the ball. We encourage the children to try a whole variety of football styles

We currently have plenty of places available, and children still have the next two weeks to register. If parents could email directly to spectrainingschools@gmail.com to register a place for your child.

Parking

This week, I have been contacted on two separate occasions about the parking situation outside of the school and this has been ongoing since the beginning of term. The main concerns are how cars are being parked in the neighbouring roads and how dangerous this is becoming. I have witnessed myself this

week many parents and carers parking on the double yellow lines outside the school and on the bend. Today, I have reports from concerned parents regarding vehicles parking on the pavements. Please can I ask that all that drive to school ensure that they are parking not only safely but legally. As you can appreciate, this takes valuable time from both Barnes Farm School Headteachers/Head of School to liaise with the local community – removing us from working with the children. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all that we have an agreement in place with ASDA which allows parents from the Barnes Farm Schools to park in the ASDA car park (back zone) so that the local neighbourhood is not impacted on during term time.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Hedgehog** with **100%**

Whole school attendance this week was **96.6%**

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **96.7%**

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

Kristian
Harry
James

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Neriah
Brooke
Zoe

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Holly
Gabrielle
Alice

Mathematical Wizard

Reception
Year 1
Year 2

Harvey-Thomas
Gracie
Oliver A

Bookworm of the Week
Class of the Week

Isabella - Rabbit
Rabbit


Barnes Farm Infant School New to Reception 2020 Talks

Building
Futures
Inspiring
Success



Is your child going to be starting school September 2020?
Please come and join us.

Thursday 10th October @ 9:15am
Thursday 21st November @ 5:30pm
Friday 22nd November @ 9:15am
Friday 10th January @ 9:15am

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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	-	Grammar Page 10
Year 2	Problem Solving Page 25	Grammar Page 34 Spellings

The Book People - The Big Book Boost

If you or your family or friends shop online at The Book People please use the Big Book Boost which will enable the school to receive donations from The Book People.

Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with us over £10, we'll donate £1 to a school of your choice for them to spend on books!

You can add more than one school to your account. When your order qualifies for Big Book Boost, you will be asked to pick one school to give your boost to.

Further information on the scheme can be found using the link below:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>



Parent Workshops

Wednesdays

10am-11am

**@ Chelmsford Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor,
County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH**

A range of workshops available for parents/ carers of 5-19 year olds.

Workshop 1: SEND- Support and information	(6 th Nov 2019 / 8 th Jan 2020)
Workshop 2: Puberty/ growing up	(13 th Nov 2019/ 15 th Jan 2020)
Workshop 3: Healthy eating/ Fussy eating	(20 th Nov 2019/ 22 nd Jan 2020)
Workshop 4: Enuresis / Bed wetting	(27 th Nov 2019/ 29 th Jan 2020)
Workshop 5: Parenting strategies	(4 th Dec 2019/ 5 th Feb 2020)
Workshop 6: Anxiety/ Self-esteem	(11 th Dec 2019/ 12 th Feb 2020)

(Adult only workshops – No crèche facilities)

Please call 0300 247 0014 (opt 2) for more information or to book a space.

Services commissioned by:

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



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
 Mrs Z. Farmer - Head teacher
 Mrs E. Speller – Deputy Headteacher and Staff Governor
 Mrs K. Robinson – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor
 Elizabeth Keeley - Community Governor

AUTUMN TERM 2

Thursday 21st November	New to Reception 2020 Talks 5.30pm	Register on Website
Friday 22nd November	New to Reception 2020 Talks 9.15am	Register on Website
Week beginning Monday 25th November	Last Week of Teacher Led Clubs Start	3.15pm to 4.00pm
Thursday 28th November	Parent and Carer Assembly Snowy Owl Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Friday 29th November	Last P.A.S.S. After School Football Session	3.20pm to 4.20pm
Wednesday 4th December	Year 1 Concert Morning – 9.15am	Infant School Hall
Thursday 5th December	Year 1 Concert Afternoon – 1.45pm	Infant School Hall
Tuesday 10th December	Reception Concert Morning – 9.15am	Infant School Hall No need to book, just turn up.
Wednesday 11th December	Reception Concert Afternoon – 1.45pm	Infant School Hall No need to book, just turn up.
Thursday 12th December	Reception Concert Morning – 9.15am	Infant School Hall No need to book, just turn up.
Thursday 12th December	Movie and Munch	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on Parentpay by 5 th December 2019
Friday 13th December	Year 2 Carol Concert 3.30pm	Infant School Playground
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Craft Day	
Wednesday 18th December	Winter Cake Sale and Hot Chocolate	Cakes on sale in Atrium and Reception Playground
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Dress Up Day	No donations required, just for fun.
Thursday 19th December	Last Day of Term	

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAY – Thursday 19th December 2019 at 3.15pm
XMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 20th December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020
Monday 6th January 2020 – Teacher Training Day

