



# Barnes Farm Infant School

## Newsletter



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are definitely in the Christmas mood at BFIS! This week, our playground Christmas tree has arrived, Year 1 performed their show to parents and carers and the rest of the year groups are working hard preparing for their events next week. If you have a child in Reception, can I remind you to book your tickets. Due to space in the hall, there is only availability of 2 x tickets per family across the three shows.

Next Friday, during the Year 2 Concert on the playground, there will be a range of different Christmas fund raising activities at the end of the school day. We will be selling hot chocolate and biscuits, raffle tickets plus a few more treats! Raffle tickets can also be bought before the start of the school day.

We are also holding a tombola during our last week of term. If you are able to make any donations to the tombola, please send into the school office.

#### Year 1 – Baubles Concert

This week's performance of Baubles came from Year 1 and it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend the event. The children looked amazing in their costumes and I would like to thank you for your support from home. The singing was lovely, and all the children deserve a Cape of Bravery.

#### All in Festival 2019 – Chelmsford Schools Sports Partnership - St John Payne School – 02.12.2019 A Message from Mrs Robinson

Our children had a fantastic time at the 'All In' event delivered by the Chelmsford Schools Sports Partnership. We were lucky enough to be able to send 10 of our children with additional needs to represent BFIS at the sporting event, and they had a brilliant time trying out the various activities. Trampolining, Archery and Volleyball among many other sports were available for the children to try. This was a great opportunity for them to access sports opportunities that we would not usually be able to offer. It also complemented our Gym Trail sessions that we run in school. We were very proud of how the children tackled new challenges and of the outstanding behaviour they demonstrated throughout. If your child attended this event, please take a look at the SEN News and Events page on our school website as we have uploaded some fabulous photos of the children enjoying themselves at the event.

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



WHOOOO  
makes a  
difference?

Volunteers like  
YOOUU!

**BFIS Volunteer Team - A BIG THANK YOU!**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

We would like to say a great BIG Thank You to all our BFIS Volunteers that have supported us this term. Without them, our children would not be to use the school library on a regular basis. As a school, we really appreciate their continual efforts.

To show our appreciation, we would like to invite all our BFIS Volunteers to a Christmas Coffee morning in Owlets from 9am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We hope you can come along!

We would also like to invite any parent/carers who would like to join our BFIS Volunteer Team in the spring term. We are still looking for a Library Champion for Badger Class, volunteers for Forest Schools on Mondays and Tuesdays and Maths Champion Volunteers to support the children with their Challenge Me cards. If you are interested in supporting on a regular basis, we would love you to join us 😊

## Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Otter** with **98.3%**

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

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **96.8%**

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

Harry  
Ryan  
Niamh

#### Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

Whole Class  
Whole Class  
Whole Class

#### Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Chelsea  
Daniel  
Daniel

#### Mathematical Wizard

Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2

George  
Brooke  
Nathan

Bookworm of the Week  
Class of the Week

Amelie (Rabbit)  
Rabbit



Also  
Stocking Filler Stall  
Tombola  
Sweets and Treats

# Barnes Farm Infant School Christmas Tea & Cake Sale

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes available in the school hall for parents from 2:15pm.

We hope to see you all there!

Cakes will also be sold from the Atrium Doors from  
3:15pm

Teas/Coffees – 50p

Cakes – 50p

**All proceeds will go towards resources for the development for our well-being provision and developing the school environment**

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](http://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](http://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.

Please see the below information regarding Reception admissions 2020:

### **Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2020**

The primary school (Reception) admission round opens on **11 November 2019**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

## 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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[www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk](http://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk)

### 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.

### 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.

	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	Christmas Maths Sheet	-
<b>Year 2</b>	Problem Solving Page 22	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 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 / 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020)
Workshop 2: Puberty/ growing up	(13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019/ 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020)
Workshop 3: Healthy eating/ Fussy eating	(20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019/ 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020)
Workshop 4: Enuresis / Bed wetting	(27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019/ 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020)
Workshop 5: Parenting strategies	(4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019/ 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020)
Workshop 6: Anxiety/ Self-esteem	(11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019/ 12 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://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  
 Yvonne Spence – Community Governor  
 Katie Corbett – Parent Governor

## **AUTUMN TERM 2**

<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Reception Concert</b> Morning – 9.15am	Two tickets per child, across three performances. Book through the Website.
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Reception Concert</b> Afternoon – 1.45pm	Two tickets per child, across three performances. Book through the Website.
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Reception Concert</b> Morning – 9.15am	Two tickets per child, across three performances. Book through the Website.
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Movie and Munch</b>	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on Parentpay by 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 2 Carol Concert</b> 3.30pm	Infant School Playground
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Craft Day</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Winter Cake Sale and Hot Chocolate</b>	Cakes on sale in Atrium and Reception Playground
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner and Christmas Dress Up Day</b>	No donations required, just for fun.
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>	Pupils Back	

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAY – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 3.15pm**  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Non-Pupil Day (Staff Only)**