



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 13th December 2019

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Forest School – Year 2

Forest School this week in Year 2 had a Christmas theme. The children were making decorations out of found and natural materials. Even though it was breezy in the winds, the sun was shining, and the children were working extremely hard. Mrs Doggett was very pleased with the children and their efforts. Thank you to our Forest School volunteer for helping with the sessions too.



Reception – Whoops-a-Daisy Angel

What a busy week it has been for the Reception classes. They have performed Whoops-a-Daisy Angel to the local preschools as well as three additional shows for adults from home. They have worked so hard to learn their lines and songs.

Church of Our Saviour

Last weekend saw the reopening of the Church of Our Saviour after a fire last year. As part of this opening event, we were invited to be part in their first Christmas Tree Festival. We entered a handmade Christmas Tree (one which could be recycled once used) and BFIS was announced the winners of the Eco Competition.



Big Cat – Phonics for Letters and Sounds

Our new reading scheme has arrived! Big Cat – Phonics for Letters and Sounds will be our new scheme as of January which progresses past phonics for our Year 2 pupils. These beautiful, high quality texts will hopefully inspire all pupils to become passionate and confident readers. There will be systems to track your child's reading in their Reading Record so you will be able to support your child's progression through the scheme at home. More details to follow in January.



Parking in our Community

This week, again, I have been contacted by residents about the parking situation outside of the school. The main concerns are how cars are being parked in the neighbouring roads, in particular parking over dropped kerbs and driveways blocking local resident's access. 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





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difference?

Volunteers like
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BFIS Volunteer Team - A BIG THANK YOU!
Monday 16th 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 16th 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 **Tawny Owl** with **98.7%**

Whole school attendance this week was **94.0%**

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.



Celebration Awards

Reception

Badger
Fox
Rabbit

Mason
Oscar
Amelie

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Savvia
Samuel
John

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Maria
Thanusaijanie
Oliver D

Mathematical Wizard

Reception
Year 1
Year 2

Jake
Harvey
Layla D

Bookworm of the Week
Class of the Week

Thanusaijanie (Snowy)
Otters



Also
Stocking Filler Stall
Tombola
Sweets and Treats

Barnes Farm Infant School Christmas Tea & Cake Sale

Wednesday 18th 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.

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.

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.


Barnes Farm Infant School New to Reception 2020 Talks

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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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.

	Mathematics	English
Year 1	-	Reading – enjoy your Christmas stories
Year 2	-	Reading – enjoy your Christmas stories

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
Yvonne Spence – Community Governor
Katie Corbett – Parent Governor

AUTUMN TERM 2

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	
Tuesday 7th January 2020	Pupils Back	

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