



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 19th December 2019
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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

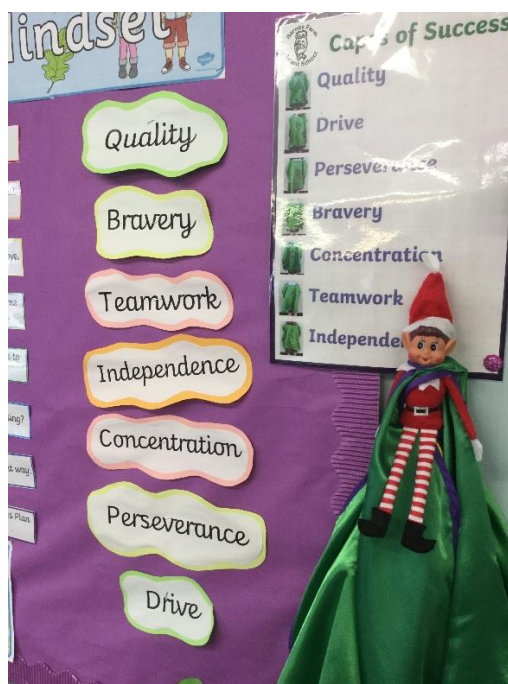
Thank You

It has been a packed term for us all and I would like to say a BIG thank you to all of you for your support. The children have been wonderful and shown fantastic behaviour for learning from Reception to Year 2. Mrs Bentham and Miss Hook have been singing the praises of the children throughout the school and I am very proud of them all. The introduction of our Capes to Success has been a real positive and impacted brilliantly on Year 1 and 2. We will be introducing our growth mindset capes to the Reception Classes in the Spring Term.



We had a special visitor in school this week who joined the children in their Singing Assembly. All children were given a gift too!

Barn Owl's Elf was awarded a **Cape of Success** this week. I wonder if it was a cape of perseverance!



Carols by Candlelight

Thank you to the Year 2 pupils who sang beautifully last Friday around our Christmas Tree and had everyone in the festive spirit.

Christmas Dinner

Our wonderful Kitchen Team served up another feast for the children this year. Our Christmas Dinner was delicious, and it was lovely to see the hall full of so much cheer.



Photographs

We have made the decision not to sell the Christmas photographs but instead to display them on the school website for all to see.

Have a wonderful holiday,
Mrs Farmer



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.

Children's Flu Vaccine

If your child has not had their flu vaccine (yearly nasal spray) to help protect against flu, and you would like them to have it, please contact the Mid Immunisations Team on 01376 302769.

Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Squirrel** with **98.4%**

Whole school attendance this week was **94.1%**

Whole school attendance for the year so far is **96.5%**

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

James
Zach T
Harry

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Samara
Elsie
Emerson

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

William Kn
Lucie
Martha

Mathematical Wizard

Reception
Year 1
Year 2

Theo
Yiannis
Sam

Bookworm of the Week
Class of the Week

Rosie (Fox)
Tawny

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.

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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

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 reading over the holidays.
Year 2	-	Reading – enjoy your reading over the holidays.

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

SPRING TERM 1

Monday 6th January	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	
Tuesday 7th January	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
Friday 10th January	New to Reception 2020 Talks 9.15am	Register on Website
Week beginning Monday 13th January	School Clubs Start	
Thursday 16th January	Parent and Carer Assembly Barn Owl Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Friday 17th January	Behaviour Workshop – 9.00am	
Thursday 30th January	Parent and Carer Assembly Hedgehog Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Wednesday 5th February	KS1 SATS Workshop 9.15am – 10.00pm	Infant School Hall.
Wednesday 5th February	KS1 SATS Workshop 6.00pm – 7.00pm	Infant School Hall
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 13th February	Year 2 Trip Cathedral and Mosque	
Thursday 13th February	Parent and Carer Assembly Squirrel Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall No need to book, just turn up.
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Term	

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM – Friday 14th February 2020 at 3.15pm

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 17th February 2020 – Friday 21st February 2020

SPRING TERM 2

Monday 24th February	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	
Tuesday 25th February	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am