



# Barnes Farm Infant School

## Newsletter



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### [Thank you to our Fabulous Children](#)

This half term has been amazing. Our children continue to impress me with all that they do on a daily basis. I could not ask for a better group of children to work with – they make being Headteacher of BFIS an absolute pleasure. This week in a special assembly, the reception classes have been given their very own set of 'Capes of Success'. I hear that some of the children have already been awarded a cape too! I would like to thank Squirrel Class for their parent and carer assembly this week with some beautiful art work. A big well done to the Year 2 children who on Thursday were wonderful representatives of our school when they visited Chelmsford City Centre as part of their RE visit – their behaviour was outstanding.

#### [Reduce your plastic, take the Essex plastic pledge](#)

As a school, we have taken the Essex plastic pledge. This is looking at how we use plastic in school and the improvements we can make to help the environment. The pledge has been set by Love Essex and there is also an opportunity for residents to take the Essex resident plastic pledge. I have completed the pledge for my own household and it takes moments to do. If you would like to join the pledge, please access the link below and join me and our school to make a difference.

<https://www.lovessex.org/news-and-ideas/pledge-today-and-start-reducing-your-plastic>

#### [Parent and Carer Survey Spring 2020](#)

I would be grateful if you would take a few moments to complete the parent and carer survey which can be found on Survey Monkey by following this link. By collecting response, we can identify areas that we need to work on but also acknowledge the areas that parents and carers think are working well. Thank you to all parents and carers that have already submitted responses.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZHLRZ7K>



## 3PR Week!

I have been really pleased this week to see so many of our children and families supporting the 3PR competition. We have seen lots of the infant school children walking from ASDA after their parents/carers have parked there and collected the tokens worth x10. I would personally like to thank the 3PR patrol pupils who have stood in very poor weather with smiles on their faces to distribute tokens. Well done to **Fox Class** who were the Infant School winners and also to **3C** (in the junior school) who were the overall Barnes Farm Schools winners. For those parents and carers parking at ASDA, we were handing out 3PR car stickers to go on car windscreens. If you would like one of these stickers to show that you are parking at ASDA as part of the Barnes Farm 3PR scheme, please pop into the school office to collect one.



## BARNES FARM SCHOOLS' 3PR WEEK - Competition

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total	
Infant	Reception							
		Badger	41	50	50	45	60	246
		Fox	66	28	27	86	103	310
		Rabbit	29	57	67	50	43	246
	Year 1	Hedgehog	23	11	19	36	42	131
		Otter	24	27	60	38	15	164
		Squirrel	42	38	19	59	24	182
	Year 2	Barn Owl	19	48	22	18	39	146
		Snowy Owl	55	42	56	57	58	268
	Tawny Owl	32	46	36	44	49	207	
Junior	Year 3							
		3J	27	38	26	51	34	176
		3C	49	74	79	72	125	399
		3S	26	32	9	33	33	133
	Year 4	4H	28	47	33	48	56	212
		4CK	59	29	71	31	43	233
		4W	35	21	21	46	38	161
	Year 5	5S	34	16	18	48	35	151
		5V	68	59	52	41	73	293
		5C	14	24	15	20	21	94
	Year 6	6S	48	65	52	48	32	245
	6C	36	26	41	35	25	163	
	6G	53	50	52	26	7	188	
Daily Total		808	828	825	932	955		
Number of tokens collected this week ...						4348		

## Computing and E-safety Day – A message from Mr Williams and Mrs White

E-safety is a theme that runs throughout the computing curriculum and this week we have been focusing on Safer Internet Day which was Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This year's theme is 'Free To Be Me'. The children have been thinking about what they enjoy doing online and how everyone enjoys different things. We thought about why it's ok that we are all different and how we can be kind and respectful to one another. There are some parts of our identities that we need to keep private so we can stay safe online. All the teachers have been very impressed by how the children can talk about how they can do this.

If you would like to find out more about Safer Internet Day there are age appropriate resources on their website.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/safer-internet-day-2020-top-tips>

This term in Year 1 for computing, the children have been exploring the world of cameras. This has included what cameras do, what uses they have outside of the school environment, taking a digital image and framing an image. The children will move on to manipulating or editing an image and saving the image. The children have been very creative in thinking what cameras can be used for and been exceptionally creative when thinking about framing an image.

## Childcare

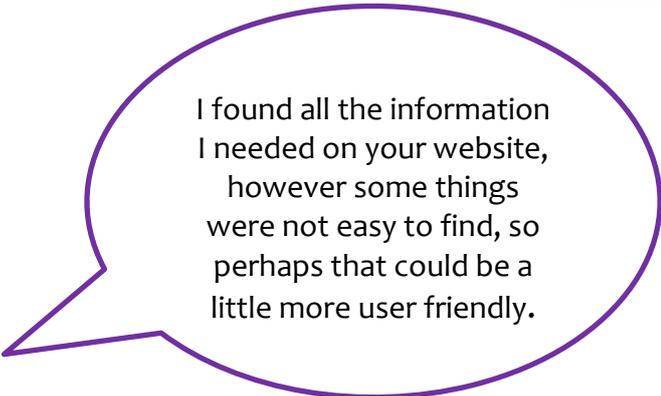
With the half term holiday now here, I know many of you will be looking forward to spending the week with your child(ren), but you might still require childcare over the holidays, or before and after school outside of the holidays. I have included a link below to the Essex County Council website which provides useful information on the different types of childcare available and an interactive map to help you find local Ofsted registered childcare. There is also a link to the Role of Ofsted who inspect or regulate many providers including childminders and holiday play schemes.

I would urge all parents who are or considering childcare to please ensure that you have made the appropriate checks e.g. Ofsted registered, DBS checked etc.

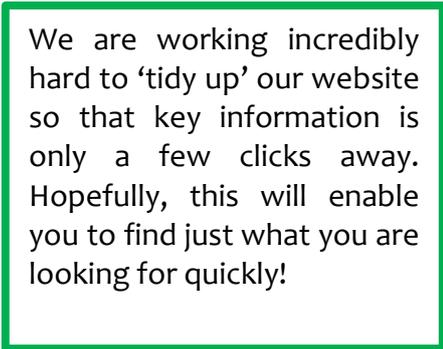
<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare/Choosing%20the%20right%20childcare/Pages/Types-of-childcare.aspx>

## EYFS Parent and Carer Survey Autumn 2019

### You Said, We Did



I found all the information I needed on your website, however some things were not easy to find, so perhaps that could be a little more user friendly.



We are working incredibly hard to 'tidy up' our website so that key information is only a few clicks away. Hopefully, this will enable you to find just what you are looking for quickly!

## Army and Navy Flyover Schools Competition

As most of you are probably aware, the flyover at the Army & Navy roundabout in Chelmsford has been closed for ages, and this week they are starting to take it down.

A lot of us, including our children, have never known Chelmsford without it. So, to mark this event Essex Highways are running a competition for all primary, infant and junior pupils in Chelmsford City Council's area. The winner will receive a £75 voucher for Evans Cycles, as well as a scooter storage pod for our school.

To enter, children just need to guess the whole weight of the flyover from four options, with the winner to be chosen at random from those who selected the correct answer.

To enter and for full terms and conditions, visit:

[consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/army-and-navy-flyover-competition/](https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/army-and-navy-flyover-competition/).

As an extra incentive to enter, every single entrant will receive a 10% discount code for Evans Cycles in Chelmsford. The competition will run until Friday 20 March.

Please enter and good luck everyone!

**Essex Highways**

# WIN A £75 BIKE VOUCHER

ENTER ONLINE AT:  
[www.essex.gov.uk/armyandnavy](https://www.essex.gov.uk/armyandnavy)

Can you guess the weight of the Army and Navy flyover?

To mark the removal of the Army and Navy flyover, we are giving primary school children in Chelmsford the chance to win a £75 voucher for Evans Cycles, as well as a scooter storage pod for their school.

All entrants will also get a 10% discount code for Evans Cycles in Chelmsford.  
\* Terms and conditions apply

To enter the competition, simply guess how heavy the flyover is before the deadline on Friday 20 March.

- A. 217 tonnes
- B. 317 tonnes
- C. 417 tonnes
- D. 517 tonnes

**EVANS CYCLES**

**RINGWAY JACOBS**  
a regional partner

Essex County Council

## Our Volunteers

And my last thank you this half term goes to all of our volunteers that between them add hours of precious reading time and support to our school – we could not do it without you 😊

Have a wonderful half term,  
Mrs Farmer



## Attendance

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

Best class attendance this week was **Hedgehog** with **100%** **WOW – Well Done Hedgehog Class**

Whole school attendance this week was **96.7%**

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.**

## Nut Allergy

We have a number of children in school with a serious nut allergy and their reaction when coming into contact with nuts and nut products can be very serious and therefore we endeavour as far as possible to be a **nut free school**. Could we respectfully request that parents/carers who send their child to school with a packed lunch ensure that none of the following items are included:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars that contain nuts
- Sesame seed products, including rolls
- Nutella
- Muesli bars
- Cakes with nuts in them

Thank you for your support in this matter.



## **Celebration Awards**

### **Reception**

**Badger  
Fox  
Rabbit**

**Sophie  
Lucas  
George**

### **Year 1**

**Hedgehog  
Squirrel**

**George D**

**Whole Class for Showing Bravery in  
Class Assembly**

**Otter**

**Olivia B**

### **Year 2**

**Barn Owl**

**Whole Class for Excellent Behaviour  
on their School Trip**

**Snowy Owl**

**Whole Class for Excellent Behaviour  
on their School Trip**

**Tawny Owl**

**Whole Class for Excellent Behaviour  
on their School Trip**

### **Mathematical Wizard**

**Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2**

**Jensen  
Sophia V  
Chloe**

**Bookworm of the Week  
Class of the Week**

**Dylan Co - Tawny  
Rabbit**

## **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>	-	Enjoy your reading during the half term.
<b>Year 2</b>	Problem Solving Page 31	Grammar Page 44 and 45 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  
 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 2

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Pupils back	Doors open at 8:45am
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Clubs Start	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Cheerleading Competition	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Infant School Hall
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Infant School Hall
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Dahl and Donaldson Dance Workshop	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day	Children to dress up as their favourite book character.
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop – 9.15am	Infant School Hall
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 School Trip Mountfitchet Castle	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Gymnastic Competition	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Infant Music Festival Year 2	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent and Carer Assembly Otter Class 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Design and Technology Morning	Year 2 Pupils

<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly</b> <b>Badger Class</b> 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>National Epilepsy Awareness Day</b>	Wear something PURPLE – (an accessory or whole outfit). Not a fundraiser, but a way to raise awareness in school.
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Week of School Clubs</b>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Wellbeing Cake Sale</b>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Movie and Munch</b>	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on ParentPay by 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Last Day of Term	