



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Friday 28th February 2020

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Starting the Term in Style!

Well done to our Cheerleading Team who on the first day of a new term secured first place in the local Cheerleading competition. We are all extremely proud of the team who represented the school brilliantly. Not only have they achieved first place locally, but they are now through to the next round – county competition.



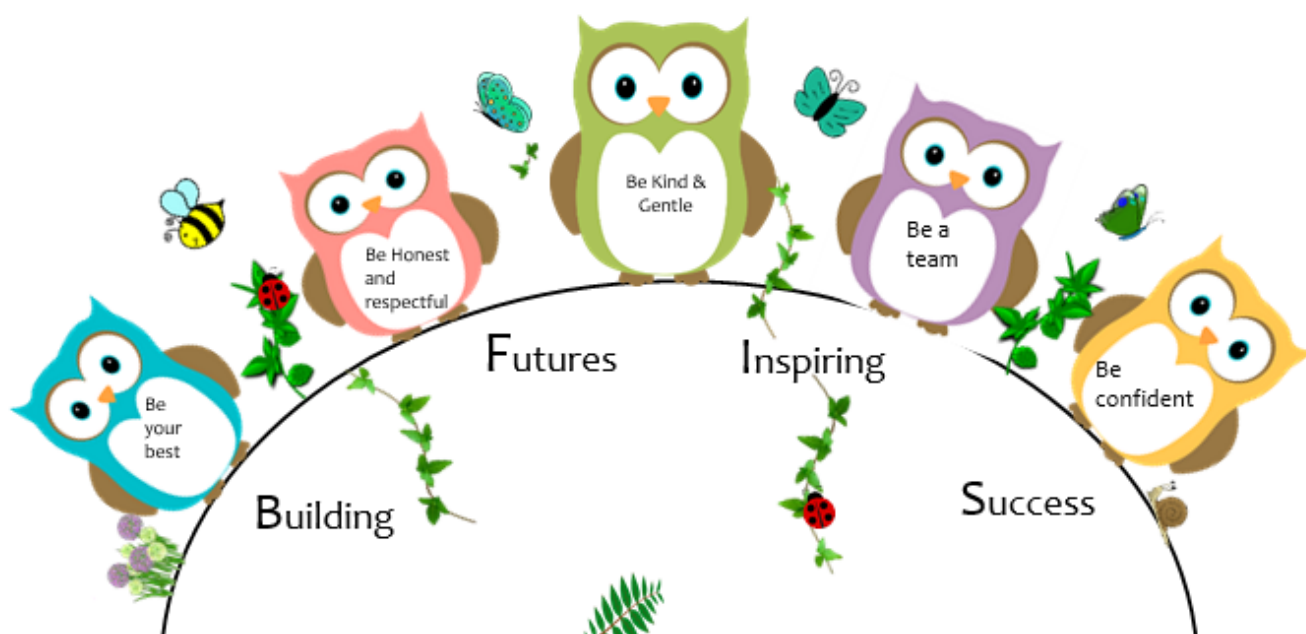
New Additions – Competition

We are very excited about our two new additions to the school. This week, our fish tank was moved to the library for all the children to see and two new goldfish have appeared!



Owl Code Focus

Each half term we focus on one of the Owl Codes. This half term's focus is... *Be your Best*



Poppy Appeal

This week, the school received a certificate to let us know we raise £97.89 for the Poppy Appeal. We were thanked by our local honorary poppy organiser.

London Marathon Support for Barnes Farm Infant School 2020

And finally... before half term, I sent a letter home to inform you all that Mrs Hammond, a parent of one of our pupils, will be running in the London Marathon this year and has decided that she would like to donate any funds raised to the PTA for Barnes Farm Infant School to improve the atrium area.

The funds will be spent on:

- Improving the library area e.g. cushions, bean bags
- Replacing old furniture and buying new pieces
- Buying laptops for this space for learning at the hub desks

Please can I ask that you let as many people in our local (and further) community know of this great commitment to our school. Any level of support would be wonderful. Nearer the time, the children will be learning in school about the marathon and Mrs Hammond's challenge. If you would like to support Mrs Hammond and the school, please donate by following the below link:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-our-local-school-barnes-farm-infants?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet.

This weekend, Mrs Hammond is taking part in the Essex 20 as a warmup for the Marathon! I would like

to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hammond and also all of those that have/will support this fundraising event.

Good Luck Mrs Hammond!

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Farmer



Attendance

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

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

Whole school attendance this week was **96.1%**

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

Adam
Holly
Noor

Year 1

Hedgehog
Squirrel
Otter

Samara
Mia
Emilia

Year 2

Barn Owl
Snowy Owl
Tawny Owl

Josh W
Maryam
Imogen

Mathematical Wizard

Reception
Year 1
Year 2

Joe
Alex
Tommy

Bookworm of the Week
Class of the Week
Headteacher Award(s)

Johnny – Rabbit
Rabbit
Shiny and Layla

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	-	Phonics Sheet
Year 2	Problem Solving Page 10	Grammar Page 7 Spellings

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.lovesessex.org/news-and-ideas/pledge-today-and-start-reducing-your-plastic>

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/.

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!



The poster features the Essex Highways logo at the top left. The main title is 'WIN A £75 BIKE VOUCHER'. Below this, it says 'ENTER ONLINE AT: www.essex.gov.uk/armyandnavy'. A speech bubble contains the question 'Can you guess the weight of the Army and Navy flyover?'. Another speech bubble shows a bicycle. At the bottom, four children are sitting at a table with laptops. The background shows a flyover structure.

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

Essex County Council

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

Wednesday 4th March	Dahl and Donaldson Dance Workshop	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Children to dress up as their favourite book character.
Thursday 12th March	Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop – 9.15am	Infant School Hall
Tuesday 17th March	Year 1 School Trip Mountfitchet Castle	
Tuesday 17th March	Gymnastic Competition	Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (Invited Pupils Only)
Wednesday 18th March	Infant Music Festival Year 2	
Thursday 19th March	Parent and Carer Assembly Otter Class 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Wednesday 25th March	Design and Technology Morning	Year 2 Pupils
Thursday 26th March	Parent and Carer Assembly Badger Class 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Thursday 26th March	National Epilepsy Awareness Day	Wear something PURPLE – (an accessory or whole outfit). Not a fundraiser, but a way to raise awareness in school.
Monday 30th March	Last Week of School Clubs	
Wednesday 1st April	Wellbeing Cake Sale	
Thursday 2nd April	Movie and Munch	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on ParentPay by 26 th March 2020
Friday 3rd April	Last Day of Term	