



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter



Monday 18th May 2020

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well. As you will be aware, Government announcements have indicated that we should be planning to reopen schools to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 1st June 2020, providing the evidence shows that it is safe to do so. The current guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Over this week, you will receive various communications from the school. Today, I have sent a link to all parents/carers in **Reception** and **Year 1 only** with a questionnaire attached. I would be very grateful if you could answer the questions as well as you can at this time. Your responses will purely be used as a guide for us when planning the provision that we can offer from 1st June 2020 at the earliest and we understand that for some of you, these responses may change as further information is released. This link is only for those children in **Reception and Year 1** at Barnes Farm Infant School:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtIQndrnDdjNvRMvIYB6kGPA-UOVMzTEEzOUtBNk9JUkRWQIJVVDQzMEFYNC4u>

We understand that a few parents/carers were unable to access the link this morning, but please keep trying if you have not been able to successfully respond so far. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

VE Day Celebrations

Sent out with this newsletter, we have sent the BFIS VE Day social distancing celebrations. Thank you to all that have contributed to the posters. We have also added some extra home learning photographs too.

BFIS Colouring in Sheet

Thank you to all those that have sent photographs of the children's colouring in sheets. We will be making a colourful display in school of all the children's artwork.

BFIS Theme Weeks

This week is **Dementia Action Week** and **Mental Health Week**. This link will take you to the school's website where you can find further information and activities:

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=%2A+Week+Commencing+18%2E05%2E20&pid=520>



Act of Kindness

On Thursday, Romeo in Badger Class took part in a 5k "Run for Fun" (run/walk) to raise money for the NHS. The event overall has raised 3.7k.

Romeo did amazingly on his scooter and we are very proud of him.

Well done Romeo!

NHS Scrubs

After seeing the below advert, Mrs Shelsher has been a very busy bee, making scrubs for the NHS. I believe there are many sewers in our local community getting involved too. The scrubs are going directly to Broomfield Hospital and local care homes/hospices. Then on to a charity for use in Africa if they are no longer needed here. If anyone was interested in helping sew the email to contact is:

broomfieldscrubs@gmail.com



NHS

SEWERS NEEDED TO MACHINE
SCRUBS IN YOUR OWN HOME

FABRIC CUT AND ELASTIC
SUPPLIED, ANY COLOUR
COTTON WILL DO

PLEASE IF YOU HAVE TIME
COULD YOU HELP

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As always, if you have any questions/worries/problems, please contact us on the well-being phone number between 7am and 5pm - Monday to Friday:

07850 903896.

Alternatively, please feel free to contact the office on admin@barnesfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk

If you believe that your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) , we will be sending out information once again this week to all parents/carers which will allow you to check if your child is eligible.

Just a reminder, if you are a key worker and need to continue using the provision in school, the signing up process remains the same.

[Online Safety](#)

Useful information:

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS IN HELPING KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

The Department for Education have provided links that parents/carers can go to for support on keeping children safe online in the time of school closure. We also have information on the school's website to support this.

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

Take care,
Mrs Farmer



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