

NEWSLETTER

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A welcome from the Headteacher

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to give a warm welcome to our new Y3 pupils and their parents as well as welcome back our pupils into Years 4, 5 and 6. I hope you all had an enjoyable break over the summer and are ready for the new academic term ahead. The pupils today have made a great start to the new year by behaving beautifully and looking very smart.

We undertook a practice fire drill which was observed quickly and efficiently. If today is anything to go by, we can look forward to a highly successful year ahead! I would also like to communicate some important key messages at the start of the new term.

Ofsted 12-13th July 2017

The school is still awaiting the report from the Ofsted inspection back in July as Ofsted do not publish these over the summer break. As soon as it is available on the public website, we will share it with you.

Pupil Passports

Your child should be shortly receiving their new, free, spiral-bound Pupil Passport for 2017-2018. This passport is vital to ensuring excellent home-school communication. Please take the time to have a look through the passport. Please note that any replacements will have to be charged for. The key features are:



- ✓ *Space for targets and achievements*
 - ✓ *Homework expectations*
 - ✓ *Maths calculation strategies*
 - ✓ *Grammar glossaries*
- ✓ *The Great Barnes Farm Book List*
 - ✓ *Weekly planning sheets*
 - ✓ *Secrets of Success chart*
 - ✓ *Lots, lots more!*

Rewards at Barnes Farm Juniors

We love to praise great attitudes to work, effort and achievement at our school. This year we are simplifying how we do this. Your child is being challenged to achieve all 8 of the 'Secrets of Success' (p148 Pupil Passport). Whenever they complete each area they will receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold star accordingly. Achieve all 8 and they receive a certificate (Bronze, Silver, Gold). These achievements will be celebrated in our weekly assembly on a Friday and replace the commendations and stickers used previously. Great behaviour will continue to be rewarded with a Golden ticket, with a prize raffle being drawn at the end of each term. 'Stars of the Week' from each class will also continue to be recognised.

Parent Consultation Appointments

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will take place on **Tuesday 19th September 2017** between 5.00pm to 8.00pm and **Thursday 21st September 2017** between 3.30pm - 6.00pm. These are scheduled sooner in the term than normal and will give you and your child's class teacher an early opportunity to discuss how they have settled into their new class and the year ahead. A separate letter will be sent shortly with details of how to book an appointment.

Autumn Clubs

Our Autumn club provision will run for 8 continuous weeks from Monday 25th September until Monday 27th November. Details of the clubs and how to select preferences will also be sent out shortly.

Personal data and permission forms

Parents of pupils in Y4-Y6 will be receiving, by the end of this week, the annual permission forms and personal data check sheets to allow us to respond to your preferences. Please fill these in promptly and return them to us to allow us to communicate with you efficiently, particularly in the case of an emergency.

Holiday Journals

Every child received a holiday journal with a scheduled activity to complete for each week of the summer holiday. I hope you found them useful in keeping those core skills moving along. Could any completed journals be returned by Friday 8th September at the latest please?

School Uniform

Our updated uniform expectations were shared with everyone at the end of last term. It has been a pleasure to see so many pupils looking so smart and well prepared for the term ahead. I am respectfully attaching the expectations again for your convenience to refer to for the year ahead.

Parking Updates

We hope to bring you some exciting news very soon on a new parking initiative which we hope will improve the safety of our pupils and their families on the surrounding roads around school. This is being developed in conjunction with the Council and local businesses with the aim of influencing positive choices by our school community.



Ross McTaggart - Headteacher

