

Barnes Farm Junior School

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Dear Parents/Contacts,

Please find below information about the ways in which we will be communicating with you this year, including the use of technology:

Our Website

Our website is available at: www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk . There is a wealth of interesting and useful information on the website which is updated regularly. The site is accessible for the general public as well as parents and, as such, we will only be posting information that does not compromise the safety of our children.

Eschools dashboard

Each parent and child will have their own logon for this part of our website, which can be accessed through the login button at the top right corner of each page. There is also a Parent App available that supports some of the website content - see the link on your home page once you have logged in or search the appropriate App store.

This will be used increasingly as a communication tool by the school community and we are exploring the potential to use it for parents to access information such as letters and forms, details of events and booking appointments at parents' evenings. We will make sure that any transition period to this way of communicating is clearly outlined in advance and allows time for all parents/carers to ensure they are able to keep up to date with important information.

Your logon details to Eschools are on the reverse side. Please note if you previously had a password it has now changed.

SMS and E-mail

This system enables us to send SMS text messages and emails to you, hence our request for up-to-date contact details. We will use this when information needs to be issued urgently, e.g. school closures or cancellation of events. Please note that these text messages will say that they come from Eschools, our service provider, not from Barnes Farm Junior School.

Twitter

You may follow the school @Barnesfarmjnr for updates on events and news.

Parent Voice

Parent Voice is a monthly meeting at which any parents/carers of pupils at the school may attend. It exists to provide a forum for discussion of ideas and concerns about all aspects of school life with the school's Deputy Head Teacher, Mr McIntosh. This is another means by which the school and parent body can develop better communication and cooperation, enables valuable parental feedback to be given to the school and, where possible and appropriate, action to be taken to ensure Barnes Farm Junior School is constantly improving and responding to parent input. Minutes from the meeting are to be found in this section of the website.

The meetings take place in the Barn and alternate between mornings, afternoons and evenings on different days to help facilitate as many parents to attend as possible. Please check the online calendar, the newsletter or the minutes from the last meeting to see when the next one will be held.

Friends of Barnes Farm Schools

Our PTA have their own Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/FOBFSPTA> on which details about forthcoming events run for our pupils can be found.

Yours sincerely,



Ross McTaggart
Head teacher

Username:

Password:

Class: