

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year 2021-2022. It has been liberating for our school community to experience a relaxation of protective measures due to Covid-19 this week. Although significant protective measures remain (see below), the children and staff alike have enjoyed mixing more freely both in the classroom and on the playground. This will benefit both mental and physical well-being as well as have a positive impact on doing what we do best – teaching your child and helping them to progress. Many challenges remain and we are rigorously focussed on looking for where there may be gaps in prior learning but from my point of view as Headteacher, the past two days have been a wonderfully positive start. Thank you to all the parents who prepared their children so well for the return – the children looked smart and so many came into school with a smile on their face!

The building works continue to provide a challenge to the movement of us all around the site so please try and abide by the guidance given. We have already made some adjustments to minimise any build-up of children and parents, particularly at the end of the day. Please aim to arrive onsite no earlier than 8:45am to allow a smooth transition into school ready for the start of the day at 8:55am.

We will shortly be letting you know of key dates to be aware of for the year ahead. I wish you all an enjoyable weekend ahead of our first full week back.



Ross McTaggart – Headteacher

BFJS Protective Measures Updated September 2021.

Following the revised Government guidance, we have an up-to-date and comprehensive [risk assessment](#) which has been reviewed by an independent competent person.

The key protective measures we are taking to keep our pupils, staff and visitors safer are:

- Pupils handwash on entry and before leaving
- Foot-operated pedal bins in every room for 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Hand sanitiser available in every room
- Tables wiped down at the end of every day
- Enhanced cleaning of toilet areas (twice a day)
- Assemblies held online and in phases (no more than 180 in large hall)
- Windows opened to increase ventilation
- Medical room with enhanced PPE for any children, staff with symptoms during the day
- Active engagement with local NHS Track and Trace
- CO2 monitors arriving soon from the DfE

Contacting both Barnes Farm Schools - JUST 1 NUMBER!



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The two Barnes Farm schools are working ever more closely together to aim to deliver as seamless an experience for you and your family as possible.

All general enquiries for **either Barnes Farm School** can be made by phoning 01245 467973 or dropping by the Junior school office. Mrs Jukes and Mrs Harris will be ready to help you. If your enquiry is finance-related, then Mrs Mason and Mrs Godfrey will be based at the Infants, but can be reached through the same number - 01245 467973.

Building Update

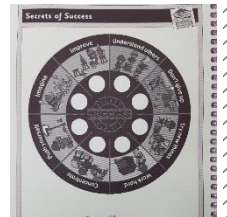


The new build (8 classroom block for both Infant and Junior use) is coming along on schedule with the foundations being prepared at the moment. The concrete pour is scheduled for next Wednesday and will be exciting for the children to view. New gates have been installed in the MUGA to allow easier access onto the field for the daily mile and other activities.

Pupil Passports



We are delighted to send home your child's free copy of our extensive and essential Pupil Passport 2021-2022. As you would expect from a passport, it must be kept safe and contains essential information, guidance and 'top tips' on everything from core subject terminology, our secrets of success to how to self-regulate your emotions. If you lose your copy, limited replacements are available at RRP cost.



PE Days

Children will experience an extensive PE curriculum this year with intended access to all levels of competition. The main days are as follows:

Monday Y3 Tuesday Y4 Wednesday Y5 Thursday Y6

In addition, every Friday there is an additional Sports afternoon for one yeargroup in rotation. Dates for the diary are:

Friday 10th Sept Y3 Friday 17th Sept Y4 Friday 24th Sept Y5 Friday 1st Oct Y6

StudyBugs supports attendance and saves our staff time!



80% of our parents used Studybugs last year to report a child's absence. This free reporting tool allows parents access to NHS-backed advice on symptoms and lets the school know of a child's absence directly at anytime. Download from [here](#)



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