



Barnes Farm Junior School



NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.7%

[Summer Menu Week 2 beginning 9th Sept 2019](#)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year 2019-2020. May I start with a huge thank you for your obvious hard work in preparing your child so well for the new term. All the children returned looking smart and ready to learn: the teachers have been delighted with the attitudes to learning they have seen in the first few days. If there are any issues regarding transition or settling in to the new school year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classteacher in the first instance so that we can attempt to resolve or reassure as quickly as possible. I trust that both you and your child are finding this year's Pupil Passport useful. This planner is so useful in providing key information about the school as well as containing important vocabulary, maths methods etc too. It is also the main method of sharing information between home and school - especially for recording when your child reads at home. We expect your child to be **reading at least five times a week** and request that you authorise this with your signature in the pupil passport weekly page.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new parents and carers, many of whom experienced their children starting in Year 3 on Wednesday. All new arrivals have received welcome letters to allow them to log-in to eschools. All parents, in fact, are encouraged to install the free eschools app too so that any communication from the school arrives direct to your phone (and is free to the school too). If you would like to add the app, please contact the school office for a simple registration guide.



If you need to report a child's absence direct to the school, or need nhs-backed advice on any symptoms, please use the free Studybugs app which links direct to the school. This can be easily installed via the App Store or Android Play Store etc. This is our preferred method of communication for reporting an absence.

Studybugs

Finally, please take the time to look at the key dates and information below about forthcoming parent information meetings. Our teaching staff are keen to share our revised new curriculum offer with you and to guide you through the forthcoming term. I look forward to sharing further achievements in subsequent newsletters which will be published on a weekly basis.

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Parent Information Meetings

As part of our commitment to sharing key information with you, we are hosting a parent information meeting for your child's year group (see dates below). This is a general meeting where the teachers will introduce the expectations for the year including home learning (spellings, maths etc), our Autumn term curriculum plus any other key information to share. There will be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and ask any general questions around your child's first term too.

Individual parent consultations are scheduled for January 2020 and again in April 2020, where the classteacher will give you a detailed insight on your child's attainment and progress in key areas. Finally in the Summer term you will, of course, receive your child's full annual academic report.

There is no need to book for the Parent Information meeting and children are welcome to attend but this is not essential. Simply come along to the main school hall at the time listed below. If you are unable to make the time below, we will post information on our website which will provide of a summary of the key areas discussed.

Key Dates

Weds 11th Sept	Year 3 Parent Information Meeting 6-7pm
Thurs 12th Sept	Year 4 Parent Information Meeting 6-7pm
Weds 18th Sept	Year 5 Parent Information Meeting 6-7pm
Thurs 19th Sept	Year 6 Parent Information Meeting 6-7pm
Mon 23rd Sept onwards	Club provision begins

Non-Pupil Days

2019-2020

4th Nov 2019 6th Jan 2020 24th Feb 2020 22nd May 2020

2020-2021

2nd Sept 2020 23rd Oct 2020 4th Jan 2021 22nd Feb 2021 28th May 2021