

NEWSLETTER

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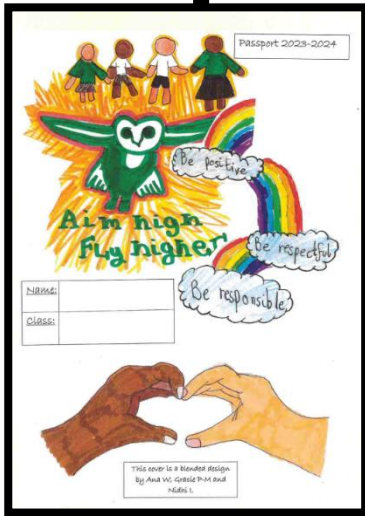
Welcome!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Y3 pupils who have joined us from the Infant school as well as a welcome back to all of our Y4-Y6 pupils.

Every child has now received their new pupil passport for 2023-2024. This fantastic resource contains key information as well as weekly sections for homework and to record the expected 5 reading times (signed by a parent) of 10 mins or more. Please take the time to have a look through the booklet with your child and ask them to explain any sections. Thank you to Ana, Gracie and Nidhi whose designs adorn the front cover and were chosen by the school council last year.



Mr McTaggart - Headteacher



Site Improvements

BFJS was a busy place over the summer with lots of improvements made to the site. Here are some highlights:

- ✓ Enhanced security fencing to cover the entire site
- ✓ Building works to improve walkways around the site (removal of exterior pods)
- ✓ New classroom carpets in the main Junior building
 - ✓ New classroom chairs Y4/5
- ✓ Audio equipment investment in the Barn and the Hall
- ✓ New sandpit installed (part of our upcoming outdoor play curriculum)
 - ✓ New playground seating



Staffing Update

Our SENCo, Mrs Cato will be starting her maternity leave at the end of next week. We are delighted that Mrs Eastbrook, an experienced and senior practitioner, is covering the role in her absence. We wish Mrs Cato all the best over the coming weeks and months!

Communication

This area came out strongly as an area for us to improve at from those who responded to the parent survey in July 2023. As a first step, your child should have brought home a half-term bulletin which describes the key events over the coming weeks up until half term. These will be shared every half term as well as other tools and actions we are preparing in order to better keep you informed about your child's time at school.

Half Termly Bulletins

Your child will have received a clear bulletin with key dates and themes for the half-term ahead. We hope you find this useful. Copies are on the website ([click here](#))





**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**
FRIENDS OF BARNES FARM
SCHOOLS
NEED A NEW LOGO!

**THE NEWLY FORMED PTA ARE INVITING ALL PUPILS
TO GET CREATIVE AND DESIGN A NEW LOGO**

**If you would like to enter our competition, please complete the back of this form
with your details and your design by Friday 15th September 2023.**

**The winning design will be chosen by the PTA Officers and featured on future
PTA communications.**



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Please return to the main school office in the Junior school building by Friday 15th September 2023



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