

WE INSPIRE, CHERISH AND BELIEVE  
IN EACH PERSON THAT THEY MIGHT FLOURISH  
AND FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL

## Barnham Play Project

Thank you so much for all of the donations so far for our Barnham Play Project. We are still collecting for this project so if you can help in anyway we would be very grateful. As you can see in the photographs, we have started introducing some of the donations and the children are fully embracing play and showing us their creative skills!



### PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?



## Play Project Donations



### INSIDE & OUTSIDE

If you have any of the following items or know anyone that can help us to get hold of them to improve playtimes, please do let us know. ([admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk))

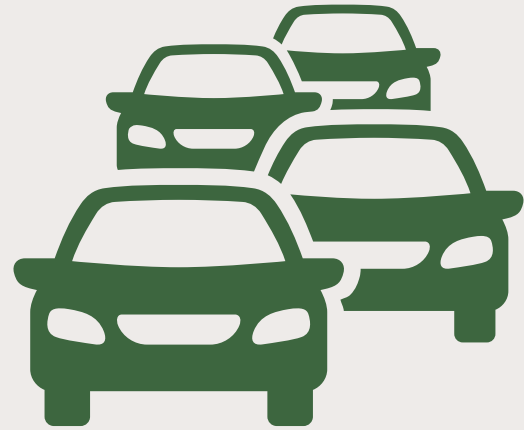
- Pallets
- Blankets
- Cushions
- Carpet tiles
- Pipe Lagging
- Guttering
- Tyres
- Ropes
- Barrels
- Temporary Road Signs
- Crates
- Shopping Baskets
- Wooden Cable Reels
- Tarpaulin
- Fake Grass Sections
- Water spray bottles
- Planks of wood
- Kitchen Utensils
- Small World Items  
eg: dinosaurs, lego people, animals
- Cars/ Vehicles
- Dolls & Doll Accessories
- Games eg: Uno/ Dobble
- Sensory items/ Fidget toys
- Bubble lamp/ Lava Lamps
- Lego



# Please Park Safely

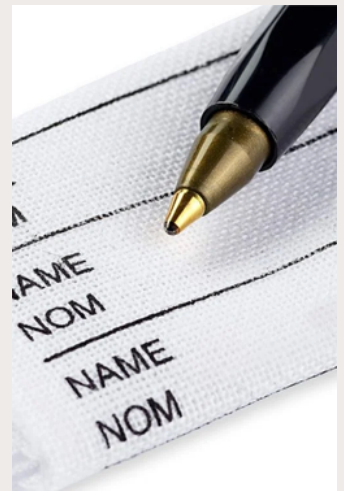


We have noticed that some people are dropping children off on the ramp as you enter the village hall car park and then they are running through the park and into school.. Please do not do this. Please park safely in a designated space before your child gets out of the car to come into school. This will be a safer option for everybody and will help to keep the traffic flowing as it should.



# School Uniform

Please name your child's clothing and property. Already we are finding lots of green jumpers around the school that do not have names in and this makes it impossible to return to their owner. Please have a check this weekend that everything belonging to your child is named.

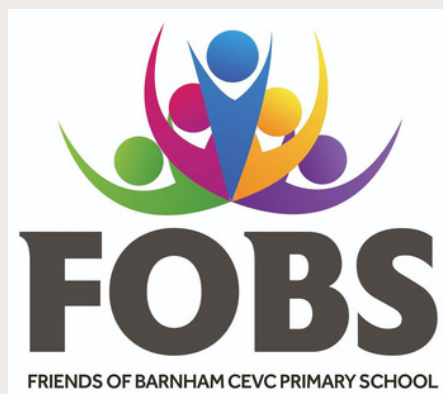


# Messages from FOBS

Please don't forget, FOBs first meeting of the year is on **Friday 20th September, 7pm** at The Warrener in Thetford.

Feel free to pop along, meet the team and see how you can get involved in raising money for our wonderful school!

Keep your eyes peeled for FOBs news and events and do check out their page on Instagram.



# Change Agents

Our School Values drive all that we do at Barnham- we INSPIRE, CHERISH AND BELIEVE. One of our school bible verses from John 15 v 5 says: Jesus said 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in me and in you, you will bear much fruit.' We want to bear fruits and share fruits at Barnham.

Change Agents is what we call all of our Courageous Advocacy work at Barnham School.

Children are encouraged to:

Firstly, identify a problem that they want to do something about.

Then use their voice to do what they can to make a difference. We stand up to injustice.

Sometimes we have to involve others who have a power to bring about change.

We reminded the children about their mission to be Change Agents this week in Collective Worship and will be sharing more challenges and information in the coming weeks and months.

The next fortnight is all about Fairtrade- and so we have set the children some September Challenges. Please do point out fairtrade products to your children if they come shopping with you! You might even buy and try some fairtrade goods or do some research together about the importance of fairtrade. Do share any Change Agent news with us via the school e mail, we love to share this in our newsletters - [admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk)

Children will then start earning tokens for their class jars- when the jars are full the children have some 'special time' to complete an activity of their choosing that brings about a positive makes a difference to others. Last year, activities included: making bird feeders for the school environment, collections and hamper making for the homeless and writing cards for the elderly in care homes. We will let you know when each class has decided what their project to work towards will be.

## Calling all Barnham Change Agents



Are you ready to be the change and make a difference in the world?

## Barnham Change Agents



### CHALLENGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Go on a Fair Trade treasure hunt when you are shopping and take photographs of what you find. E Mail them to your class teacher or print them out for our display  
(=1 token for your class jar)

OR

Buy a Fair Trade product and bring the packaging into school to pop on our Change Agent display.  
(=1 token for your class jar)

OR

Do some research and create your own poster convincing people to 'be the change' and think carefully about buying Fair Trade.  
(=2 tokens for your class jar)

Be the change! Bear fruit & share fruit!

# Class News

Each week, we hope to share news from one of our classes. If you didn't know, all our classes are named after animals that children might find in the local environment:

Hedgehog Class - Reception and Year 1 with Mrs Bird

Mole Class - Year 1 and Year 2 with Miss Garner

Badger Class - Year 3 with Miss Anderson

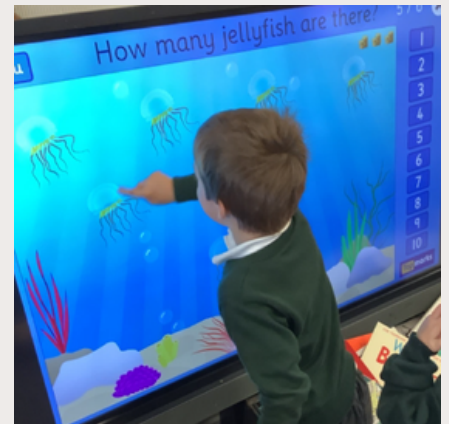
Fox Class - Year 4 with Mr Holman

Squirrel Class - Year 5 with Miss Cross

Otter Class - Year 6 with Mrs Kennedy

## News from Hedgehog Class

Hedgehogs have had an amazing first week at Barnham. The new reception children have settled in so well and are confident and happy in class and around the school. Many of them have ventured to the BIG field at lunch where they have met more of our Barnham family. Year 1 Hedgehogs have been super helpful and supportive in looking out for our youngest members of the school. Here are a few photos of what we have been up to this week...



# Reading at Barnham

Reading with your child at home is an incredibly important way to support their learning.

Reading books together, reading to your child, hearing them read, discussing reading technique, stories, poems and non-fiction texts are all key ways to help your child to develop into an able and accomplished reader and writer.

This week, every child should have brought home with them a reading record. Please write in their reading record every time you, or anyone at home has read with them. Older children are also able to write in their reading records themselves when they have read independently. Any reading of any books can be recorded - books sent home from school and books from home/the library. We expect children to read daily.

## **How to support your child with reading at home:**

Which books are best?

- Books your child likes.
- Books suggested by your child's teacher
- Books your child chooses from a library or bookshop that they want to read
  - Never be afraid of re-reading books
- Both fiction and non-fiction texts (lots of children enjoy reading factual information)
  - The books your child is given/chooses to bring home from school

## **What else can your child read?**

- Comics or Magazines
- Instructions or recipes
- Information (non-fiction) books
  - Newspapers
  - Poems
  - Audiobooks

## **My child is a good reader. Can I still help?**

YES! Although children will often want to read in their heads when they become fluent readers and you should not insist on too much reading aloud, there are still many things that you can do. Discuss with them what they have read – about the character, about the plot, about the important parts of the story, about what they have learnt from the information, about their feelings as they read the story.

## **My child won't read, no matter what I do. How can I help?**

- Read to your child as much as possible
- Avoid making reading like a chore; show excitement around reading with your child
- Talk to your child's class teacher - working together will help



# 'BookNic' for Whole School

Please note we have moved the 'BookNic' to Thursday next week and NOT Friday.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO BARNHAM'S 'BOOK-NIC'

Join us from 2:15-3pm to enjoy some stories and book browsing together!  
Please wait on the playground to enter.

Feel free to bring along teddies and blankets!  
The wonderful PTA will have refreshments and baked goods available, so bring some pennies.



# School Vision Song Contest 2024

Unfortunately, we haven't had many entries to our School Vision Song Contest so we'll extend the deadline for entries for a couple of weeks to allow you more time to be creative!

The full information can be found in last week's newsletter but here are a few reminders:

We need YOU! We need your creativity and musical talent. We'd like the song to be something catchy and not too tricky to learn and remember. We'd love it to be all based around our vision as a school and our motto of "Inspire, Cherish and Believe".

We are looking for something upbeat, positive and encouraging. One of the easiest ways to do this would be by taking a familiar nursery rhyme, theme tune or a pop song and re-writing the words to it to be all about Barnham School.

There will be prizes for the best entries in September. Please email all entries to Miss Bacon on [rbacon@barnham.org](mailto:rbacon@barnham.org). Please remember to let her know what tune your song lyrics fit to or if it just a poem or perhaps even a rap!

**Closing dates for entries will be extended to Friday 27th September 2024**  
**Please do get involved if you can!**



## Thrive Activity of the Week

Well done Willow for embracing last week's thrive activity and going on a gratitude treasure hunt.

As we seem to be fast approaching Autumn, it seems like a great time of the year to focus on this thrive activity that focuses on connection.


Connecting with the world and taking time to notice things in nature and the weather will help children's overall wellbeing.

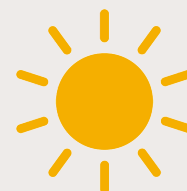
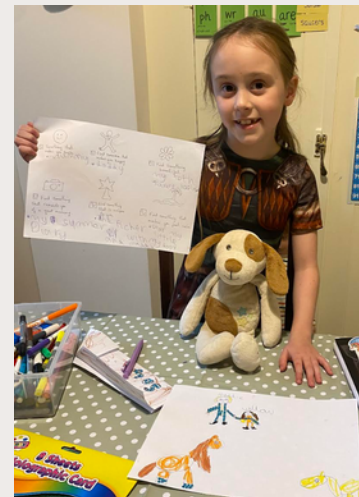
Perhaps your child will make their own mini weather diary.

As always, please share any photos of Thrive activities with us by emailing them to [admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk)

### Record the weather

Over the course of a week, how many different weather systems can you see from your window?





# CONNECT Coffee Morning

We are changing our CONNECT Coffee Mornings this school year! They are no longer just for SEND families but are **open to all** families as an opportunity to get together, network and support one another. We are aiming to have two CONNECT Cafes each term throughout the school year and share information around specific topics, sometimes calling in experts to help and support us and you.

Our **FIRST CONNECT Coffee Morning** of the new academic year will be on **Tuesday 24th September 9-10am**

**Focus - we will be talking about Zones of Regulation and how to help your children regulate at home.**



then our second will be



**Wednesday 9th October 9-10am**

**Focus - The Mental Health Schools Team will be coming along to this event to introduce themselves to you and explain what they offer in terms of mental health support.**

Please do come along if you can, sign in at the office and we will meet together in the hall.

## Our Value is Friendship

We've had a wonderful week exploring our value of Friendship. We've thought carefully about the famous quote by Ralph Emerson:

**“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”**

Our BIG QUESTION this week is:

**How can we show kindness to our friends?**

**KINDNESS**



It would be wonderful if you could continue discussions around this question at home perhaps over the dinner table.

We also had our FIRST celebration sharing Collective Worship on Friday and celebrated all of our 'Citizens of the Week' and 'Barnham's Best' awards. Congratulations to all the children who have shown our values and were given their certificates in Collective Worship.

Our Friendship Bible Verse - Ecclesiastes 4 v 9-10

Two people are better off than one; for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other one can reach out and help, but someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

# Lunch Menu for Next Week

Monday 16th September	Tuesday 17th September	Wednesday 18th September	Thursday 19th September	Friday 20th September
Cornish Pasties with veg  OR  Vegi Balls	Fishcakes with herby potatoes and green beans  OR  Vegi Fingers	Tomato pasta bake & veg  OR  Jacket Potato	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & fresh vegetables  OR  Quorn Fillet	Sausage & Chips with veg or beans  OR  Quorn Sausage
Chocolate Roll	Gingerbread	Cupcakes	Ice Lolly	Crumble & Ice-cream

## Diary Dates

**DATE CHANGE (due to guitar lessons!)** - Thursday 19th September - 2:15pm- Whole School 'Booknic'

Friday 20th September - 7pm - FOBS Meeting

Tuesday 24th September - 9am - CONNECT Coffee Morning **open to all Families** - Zones of Regulation with Miss Bacon

Tuesday 8th October - 9am - CONNECT Coffee Morning **open to all Families** - Visiting Speakers from Mental Health Support Team

Thursday 17th October - 1:30pm - Harvest Festival at Church, all welcome

Monday 21st October & Tuesday 22nd October - Parents Evenings

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half Term Holiday

### OUR SCHOOL BIBLE VERSES:

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit."  
Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jesus said 'I am the vine; you  
are the branches.  
Those who abide in my and I in  
them, will bear much fruit.'  
John 15:5

