



The Barn Croft Bulletin



Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems so long since our last Barn Croft weekly newsletter! But also so wonderful to be able to start it again for this new school year.

First of all I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for helping to make the start back to school run so smoothly. Having the slightly staggered start and finish times has worked really well and kept any crowding issues to a minimum. It was wonderful to see all the children arriving on Monday – some were a bit anxious but by the end of the day they all seemed to have relaxed back into normal school life.

All week we have been welcoming groups of our new Reception children and parents who have come for a short play & stay session and had lunch in the Hall (all socially distanced with lots of hand sanitiser!) and we cannot wait for them to start with us on Monday.

This is going to be a very different year in many ways. Obviously we cannot have lots of people coming into school which means we will have to rethink the way we do Parent Meetings. We cannot have whole school gatherings which means we will have to think carefully about our end of term Christmas show. We will of course let you know what we decide to do as soon as we can.

We also will not be able to hold our fundraising events like the Winter Fayre. We will set up on ParentMail again this year for donations if people would like to perhaps donate what they would have spent at the Winter Fayre.

You will very soon be getting information on how we will continue with home learning in the event that the school is shut again. Of course we are all hoping that this does not happen but we want to be fully prepared. Thank you to those who have completed the survey on devices and internet access – this is really helpful. If you have not already done so please complete it. The link has been sent via ParentMail and will be on the Barn Croft Facebook page from tomorrow.

I am having to do Celebration Assemblies via Zoom to the classrooms but we are still celebrating success with Class Dojo monsters, Hot Chocolate gift bags and certificates. Even though things are very different, the fact that we are all back together again makes it feel so much better than before the summer! I wish you all a fantastic weekend – the weather might be getting warmer again!

Have a great weekend!
Tracey Griffiths Headteacher

Drop off at the beginning of the day and pick up at the end of the day:

Please can I ask that you maintain social distancing of 2m at all times from other families. I know how difficult this can be – we all just want to connect. But we do all need to work together to avoid the spread of the virus so that all our children can stay in school all of the time. The virus is still very much in the community.

Staff will be out helping to ensure that everyone is distancing and that we do not have any human traffic jams etc in more narrow areas around the grounds. Please do stop or move on if asked. We are only trying to keep everyone safe.

Please stand well back from the classroom doors at the end of the day. Your child will be sent out to you as soon as possible.

Please be on time to pick up your child/ren. We have to keep the children in their bubbles to keep them safe and cannot just take them round to the office to sit and wait.

Children bringing phones to school:

Only children who go home alone should have a phone in school. These should be basic phones and not smartphones/iphones. We want to avoid children being online and filming their friends before or after school. Phones will be bagged and kept in the office.

Home Alone children:

Please ensure that you speak to the office straightaway and give written parental permission if your child is to walk home alone at the end of the day. No child will be allowed to leave school alone until this is in place.

Jewellery:

Please ensure that your child is not wearing jewellery or watches to school as this is an additional item to harbour the virus and rings and bracelets and watches need washing when hands are washed.

PE Kits from last year:

We have kept all the PE kits that were left behind in March. They have been stored safely so will be decontaminated. Children will bring these home on Monday.

The Office:

We anticipate that the office will be very busy at the start of the year. I would ask that where possible could you either email the office with any questions or concerns or telephone us after 11am to avoid the busiest times. This way the office staff will be able to deal with everyone in a timely manner. Only one person/couple will be allowed inside at a time so if you are waiting outside the office please maintain 2m social distancing.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS FOR THE NEW TERM!

Asthma Pumps / EPI PEN

If your child is asthmatic or has severe allergies that require an epi-pen, then please ensure that your child has a labelled asthma pump/epi pen with them in school at all times, **and that it is in date**. Asthma pumps and epi pens are the **only** medicine which should be kept in the classroom with the child for prompt access.

Free School Meals Trawl

Even if your child brings a packed lunch or receives the Universal Free School Meal and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals then please do apply to the Borough as the schools funding can greatly benefit from this!

Appointments

Parents and carers are asked most earnestly **not** to arrange these during school sessions, except in cases of urgency, so that considerable interference with school work is avoided. Please do not keep children out of school for the whole day unless absolutely necessary.

Thank you!

HOT CHOC FRIDAY

**Anelka Year 1,
Taro Year 2,
Tommy Year 3,
Denzel Year 4,
Destiny Year 5 &
Aleka Year 6.**

Stars of the Week

**Certificates this week have been
awarded for
*Great Start to the Term***

**Year 1 - Rosalie & Dylan H
Year 2 - Ayaz & Rumejsa
Year 3 - Jay & Bilal
Year 4 - Nassir & Saoirse
Year 5 - Shania & Jahkeem
Year 6 - Aleks & Nicolette**

Healthier school packed lunch boxes

Pick a healthier packed lunch!


A Guide to Building...

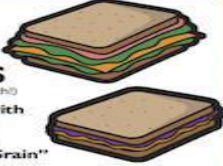



Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2iP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



<h3>Whole Grains</h3> <p>(Great for Snack or Lunch!)</p> <p>Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"</p> 	<h3>Fruit</h3> <p>(Great for Snack or Lunch!)</p> <p>Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day</p> 
<p>Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.</p> <h3>Snacks</h3> 	<p>Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.</p> <h3>Veggies</h3> <p>(Great for Snack or Lunch!)</p> 

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Packed lunches or school dinners?

These days, school dinners are probably healthier than most packed lunches. But if you want to make a packed lunch, then please choose healthy options.

Here is a list of items which are **NOT** allowed in a packed lunch:

Nuts – we are a nut-free school

Glass bottles or dishes

Water Only – No fizzy or sugary drinks (including juices, sweetened or unsweetened)

Chocolates

Sweets

Hot food or drinks

Cutlery (school will provide)

LABELLING UNIFORM

Please remember to label your child's school uniform clearly. If your child's uniform is misplaced, it is difficult to find the owner if there is no name on the label!



Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020 (73 days)

Wednesday 2nd September
Thursday 3rd September
Friday 4th September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
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Monday 7th September

School Starts

Friday 23rd October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 2nd November

School Starts

Friday 18th December

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

Spring Term 2021 (59 days)

Monday 4th January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 5th January

School Starts

Friday 12th February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 22nd February

School Starts

Thursday 1st April

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

Summer Term 2021 (63 days)

Monday 19th April

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 20th April

School Starts

Monday 3rd May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 28th May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 7th June

School Starts

Thursday 22nd July

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term