

# The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents & carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back after the summer holidays - and attendance has been almost 100% with only a very few children still not back from their holidays. This is incredible and we are all so pleased!

I would particularly like to welcome our new Reception parents. We are delighted that you have chosen Barn Croft for your children! Please do look at our Facebook page and join the Friends of Barn Croft Facebook page - this is a good way to see what we are doing and to reach out to other parents.

We will be having a Zoom Meet The Teacher in a couple of week's time - I will send out more information next week.

I have lots of short mentions in this newsletter this week but then I will also be sending some other letters which outline some events and information which need explaining in more depth.

You will have noticed the new pavement as you enter school via Brunel Road and the work happening on the corner of the park in Essex Road. They are putting a gate into the park on the corner, which will be extremely convenient for us all. However, as we know, there are still cars and motorbikes which are breaking the law and whizzing down South Access Road (many hiding their number plates!!) and so I will be speaking regularly to the children about road safety and continuing to use the zebra crossing when going out of the South Access gates and crossing the road. Please could you do the same and not encourage children to simply walk out of the gate and across the road in case there is an irresponsible driver racing past. I have just heard that the Council will be planting up the beds in Brunel Road in early October. Luckily, I managed to ask the Council if we could have the planters that were outside Brunel Road and they agreed!! So we have them at the front of the school and will be planting them with brightly coloured flowers and plants soon.

Our wonderful mosaics are starting to go up around the school including the one for Jade's Garden! Huge thanks to Maud Milton for her hard work in putting these together for us. They are beautiful. Next we will be replacing the fencing around the small garden area and turfing it ready to make it into a lovely spot for Jade's Garden.

A few reminders and information especially for our lovely new Reception parents - nobody should be riding their bikes or scooters inside the school gates please. We do not allow dogs on site except for our 2 school dogs, Nessie and Basil. When parents are waiting to collect their children and once they have them in their care, please do not allow them to run and play around the cars in the car park.

From Monday we welcome Jennifer Tatnall (one of our parents) who is a music teacher. She will be teaching children and training staff every Monday this year and supporting us in embedding music and performance into our curriculum. We are all very excited especially for performances!!

As we have not been able to have our usual Summer and Winter Fairs this year we would welcome any donations to our School Fund from anyone who wishes to and is able to donate. You can do this through ParentMail. These donations go towards extra resources for the children. Money raised previously is going towards music this year so every penny really does help us to deliver those extras to our children.

It was glorious coming back to school in the sunshine! Not sure this weekend will be as warm but whatever you are doing I wish you a good one!

Have a great weekend!

**Tracey Griffiths**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October – Last  
day of Half -  
Term**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October – Friday  
29<sup>th</sup> October –  
Half Term  
Holiday**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
November –  
Children return  
to School**

## Item Needed!

**If anyone has a washing machine that they would like to donate to the School for the Early Years that would be greatly appreciated!!**

## Stars of the Week

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

**Reception – Lana & Leon**  
**Year 1 – Fionn & Winifred**  
**Year 2 – Dorothy & Michael**  
**Year 3 – Ernesto & Izabela**  
**Year 4 – Ada & Jay**  
**Year 5 – Mesut & Naomi**  
**Year 6 – Iris & Kody**



## Hot Chocolate

**Reception – Doran**  
**Y1 – Adea**  
**Y2 – Mio**  
**Y3 – Artin**  
**Y4 – Jah'Veil**  
**Y5 – Yasmine**  
**Y6 – Shania**

## 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!

### Mobile Phones

Pupils bringing mobile phones to school must ensure they are put away before they come through the school gate and **must** be handed to the office before registration for safe keeping during the school day.

### 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!

## 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 2021-2022

## **Autumn Term 2021** ( 73 days)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September                      Staff Training Day – **School Closed**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September                      Staff Training Day – **School Closed**  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September                          Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**                      **School Starts**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October                          School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October                      Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**                      **School Starts**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December                      School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January                      Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Spring Term 2022** ( 59 days)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January                          Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**                      **School Starts**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February                          School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February                      Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**                      **School Starts**  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April                                  School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April                      Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Summer Term 2022** ( 63 days)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April                              Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**                      **School Starts**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May                                  Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May                                  School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June                      Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**                                  **School Starts**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July                                  School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term