# The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who came to our Meet The Teacher event on Tuesday after school. It was so lovely to see so many of you all together again. The start to this year really feels like we are back to normal. We just have to be aware of all those nasty bugs that are definitely starting to go around again!

In my talk to parents on Tuesday I mentioned our National Online Safety site which I would urge you all to sign up to. I will also send out the link via ParentMail again but here it is if you want to do it over the weekend:

### https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/barn-croft-primary-school

They have just put on a brand new online safety course for parents hosted by Myleene Class which looks very good. You can also find out lots of information about all of the social media and games sites that your children may be using or come into contact with. It is free for parents (we pay the subscription every year for you) so we really want the take up to grow so all of you have access to this resource for keeping your children safe and well-informed and able to grow up having healthy relationships with their online presence.

Thank you so much for the donations so far of underwear – this really helps out when children have little accidents.

Friends of Barn Croft have a questionnaire going out via ParentMail today – please do have a look and complete.

Parenting course has started on Thursdays. See information below about booking your place. It is not too late to join.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Tracey Griffiths

Headteacher

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for Attitude towards Learning



Reception – Sylvia & Hector Year 1 – Harry & Ada Year 2 – Cora & Orson Year 3 – Luqmaan & Seanna Year 4 – Indi & Izabela Year 5 – Ella & Tomas Year 6 – DeeDee & Asger Tea Time Club – Paz



# Key Diary Dates

24th October - 28th October Half Term School Closed

31st October
Children return to School

16th December
Last day of Term
2:00pm finish

19<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup>
January 2023
Christmas Holiday
School Closed

**3<sup>rd</sup> January** Staff Training Day **School Closed** 

4<sup>th</sup> January Children return to School

13<sup>th</sup> February-17<sup>th</sup> February Half Term Holiday School Closed

### **Hot Chocolate Friday**

Reception - Elisa Year 1 – Harry Year 2 – Aniah Year 3 – Mio Year 4 – Taro Year 5 - Edie

### 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!

# PARENTING COURSE

### **THURSDAYS**

9-11AM

Our second parenting course has just started. It is not too late to join.

The sessions will be facilitated by Mrs Moses, Mrs Sandy and Helen English and will cover all sorts of aspects of being a parent and supporting your child/ren. It will be a safe space for parents to talk, listen and share ideas and to hopefully be supported with tips and advice from our team. Please do get in contact with the office for more information or to book a place. It is of course free and confidential.



Understanding your child's behaviour
A Solihull Approach group for parents and carers



- ☐ Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Would you like a better understanding of your child's behaviour?
- Do you know why your child has emotional outbursts?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?

We will be running a group for parents and carers at Barn Croft Primary School.

The group is based on an approach developed in Solihull that has been helpful to parents and carers and has been shown to improve children's behaviour. t is a non-judgemental, supportive space where we share ideas and

encourage one another. The sessions will be run by: Chris Moses and Helen English. We will explore issues like:

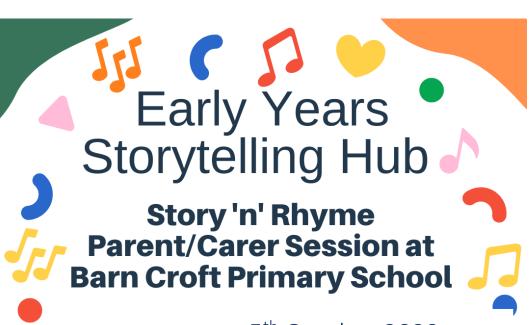
- Having fun together
- Communication
- Development needs
- Parenting styles
- Behaviour difficulties
- A Sleer

The group will be run for two hours once a week for 10 weeks, every Thursday. Groups do not run in the school holidays.

The first meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd September 2022 at 9:00- 11:00 am.

The group is free of charge and places will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Refreshments will be served.

If you're interested in joining the group, please contact the office prior to the first meeting. Also, feel free to contact any of the group leaders for more information.



Start date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Days of session: Every Wednesday afternoon

How often: Weekly (term time) Session Time: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Call 020 8521 1145 to book your place or just come along



# RECEPTION 2022 OPEN DAYS

We will be holding a series of open days in order to allow parents of children due to start Reception in September 2023 to look around the school prior to making their school applications. The dates for these events are:

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022 @9:30AM
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022 @9:30AM
TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022 @9:30AM
TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022 @9:30AM
TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2022 @9:30AM
TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2023 @9:30AM

#### **EMAIL US TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:**

School@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk

www.barncroftprimaryschool.org



### Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

#### Dates:

28th September 2022 12th October 2022 23rd November 2022 7th December 2022 18th January 2023 1st February 2023 15th March 2023 12th April 2023 10th May 2023 14th June 2023 12th July 2023

> To book a 30 minute consultation, please contact our Business Support Officer below

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Thorpe Hall School 123 Hale End Road E17 4DP

Phone: 020 8496 1732 Mobile: 07776589597 Enail: Do you have concerns about your child?

Would you like to talk to an Educational Psychologist in confidence?

#### Appointment Only Sessions

Afternoon sessions are 12.30-2pm Evening Sessions are 3.00–5.00

Individual consultation with an Educational Psychologist are offered via phone/zoom or in person for Parents and Carers living in London Borough Waltham Forest.

Sessions last for no more than 30 minutes and provide an opportunity to ask any questions or discuss concerns with a member of our culturally diverse Educational Psychology Team.

Educational Psychologists are qualified specialists in child psychology and child development, with particular expertise in supporting children and young people with special educational needs, learning difficulties, and social, emotional and behaviour difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health Care Professionals Council.

### For All Year 6 Parents

You would have received a letter with the Secondary School Application details below, please apply online at <a href="https://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a> deadline is **31**st **October 2022.** 

**Application deadline 31 October 2022** 

**Section 1** 

# **Timeline for Secondary applications**

If your child is currently in year 6 in junior or primary school you will need to apply for a year 7 place for them to start in September 2023. **The deadline for making an on time application is 31 October 2022**.

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	1	Read this brochure before you apply so you are fully informed before you make your application.		
		Find out all the information you need to know about the schools you are interested in. This should include admissions criteria, which will tell you how the places are offered. This will help you to make your decision about which preferences to list. Waltham Forest Schools are listed on pages 16–49. School open evenings are listed on page 7.		
	3	Submit your application by 31 October 2022. You can do this by making an online application via www.eadmissions.org. uk. You must apply by no later than 11.59pm on the day for your application to be on time. Please do not leave it to the last day to submit your application to ensure it is received in time. Please note if you have not applied online before, you will need to register first. You will then receive a user name and password. Please keep a careful note of these, as you will need these every time you go into your eadmissions account. Please note that you will receive an application reference number once your application has been submitted online. Please keep this safe.		
		Submit any supplementary information forms by 31 October 2022. Some schools require you to complete a supplementary information form. You should complete and submit the form directly to the school by the closing date. If the schools are outside Waltham Forest, please check with their local authority. You should also submit your proof of address as indicated on page 9 of this brochure by the closing date.		
		National Offer Day is on 1 March 2023. This is the date when we release the outcome of your application. If you apply online you will receive a text in the evening of 1 March 2023. If you apply using a paper application form your letter will be posted on 1 March by first class post. You should receive your letter on 2 March 2023.		
		15 March 2023 – you must accept or decline your offer by this date. If you applied online, you can do this by going into your eadmissions account. If you applied on paper, you must return the reply slip you receive with your letter.		
		Appeals – If you wish to make an appeal for a community school, you should do so by 30 March 2023. Academies, trust, free and voluntary aided schools have details of how to appeal on their website.		

### School open evenings

School	Date	Time
Buxton School	Thursday 13 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Chingford Foundation School	Thursday 29 September 2022	5.45pm to 8.00pm
Connaught School for Girls	Thursday 29 September 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Eden Girls School, Waltham Forest	Thursday 13 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Frederick Bremer School	Wednesday 5 October 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
George Mitchell School	Tuesday 11 October 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Heathcote School & Science College	Wednesday 5 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Highams Park School	Thursday 13 October 2022	5.30pm to 8.30pm
Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form	Thursday 22 September 2022	6.00pm to 8.00pm
Kelmscott School	Wednesday 28 September 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Lammas School and Sixth Form	Tuesday 4 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Leytonstone School	Wednesday 12 October 2022	5.00pm to 8.00pm
Norlington School and 6th Form	Thursday 29 September 2022	6.00pm to 8.00pm
South Chingford Foundation School	Wednesday 28 September 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Walthamstow Academy	Thursday 6 October 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Walthamstow School for Girls	Thursday 29 September 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Willowfield School	Thursday 6 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.00pm

When you visit a school, make sure you give yourself enough time to see everything you want to see. There will be a chance to be shown around the school, talk to students and teachers and ask any questions you may have about the school.

A school admissions officer may be in attendance if requested by the school to answer any questions about the application process.

Please note some schools may be holding their open evening virtually. Please see the school websites for more information.

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## Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2022-2023

### Autumn Term 2022 (72 days)

Thursday 1st September Staff Training Day – School Closed Friday 2nd September Staff Training Day – School Closed

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September School Starts

Friday 21st October School Ends - Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October Half-Term Holiday - School Closed

Monday 31st October School Starts

Friday 16th December School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January Christmas Holiday - School Closed

### Spring Term 2023 (59 days)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Staff Training Day – School Closed

Wednesday 4th January School Starts

Friday 10th February School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February Half-Term Holiday - School Closed

Monday 20th February School Starts

Friday 31st March School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holiday – School Closed

### Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

Monday 17th April Staff Training Day – School Closed

Tuesday 18th April School Starts

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Friday 26th May School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June Half-Term Holiday - School Closed

Monday 5th June Staff Training Day – School Closed

Tuesday 6th June School Starts

Friday 21st July School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term