The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending the first Parent Meetings of the year. It was lovely to see so many of you – it dawned on us that so many parents didn't remember how to get to the classrooms because you haven't been inside the school much!! So it is lovely to be able to welcome everyone back in as normal.

Please could I remind you to ALWAYS inform us if your child has ANY medical issue however small. We have had a number of things come to light over the last few weeks which we needed to know about. For example, if your child has broken or sprained any part of their body we have to do a risk assessment and have a plan including an evacuation plan in place for the child to be in school. If your child develops an allergy we need to have a health care plan and a meeting with the school nurse in place. This paperwork takes time and cannot be done immediately. Just email us to let us know so we can put the necessary measures in place.

You will have received a letter from Friends of Barn Croft inviting you to a meeting on Tuesday 8th November at 6.30-7.30pm. This is to discuss ways of raising money for the school and to tell you about their recently acquired charity status and an update on the Solar for Schools project. We also have the Winter Fayre coming up and there is a planning meeting for this on Wednesday 9th November. Please do come along!

We are currently exploring the idea of increasing our wrap around care offer to Nursery children. This would mean we could offer Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club to children aged 3-4 years old. However, as the ratios of children to adult are different we need to know numbers of children interested in order to make it work financially — we cannot offer it if we are losing money because we would need to cover the costs of the staff running it. If you might be interested please do email us and we will make a note of your name and let you know when we have made a decision.

Finally, we have again been given a small pot of money by the local authority to offer to families who are struggling. This might be a food shopping voucher of help with a bill. We also have been given some money to make sure that all children are able to have breakfast. So if you need support or would like your child to attend Breakfast Club but cannot afford it then please please get in touch. We are here to help but can only do that if you tell us — it will be completely confidential between yourselves and me and Miss Kelly.

Have a wonderful weekend – if you are seeing fireworks then please all keep safe!!

Tracey Griffiths

Headteacher

STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for Being Kind and Polite



Reception – Amaya & Suellen Year 1 – Gurnav & Hanaa Year 2 – Fionn & Nina Year 3 – Lycia & Rosalie Year 4 – Artin & Rumejsa Year 5 – Brijan & Margot Year 6 – Anabel & Ishmael Tea Time Club – Schane-Jae



Key Diary Dates

9th **November** Individual Photos

10th November Science Museum Year 3

3rd December Winter Fair

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

19th December – 2nd January 2023 Christmas Holiday School Closed

3rd January Staff Training Day **School Closed**

4th January Children return to School

Hot Chocolate Friday

Reception – Hector Year 1 – Mabel Year 2 – Flora Year 3 – Loni Year 4 – Indi Year 5 – Ada Year 6 - Mesut

FOBC CALENDAR

TUESDAY 4TH OCT - MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING @

- -COFFEE MORNINGS WILL BE HELD THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- -MEET AT SCHOOL KITCHEN/HALL
- -ENTER VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE
- -EVERYONE WELCOME

THURSDAY 6TH OCT @ 6.30PM - AGM

- SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY 4TH NOV - HALLOWEEN DISCO

- FOR RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2
- MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

THURSDAY 10TH NOV - ART FUNDRAISER 7-10PM

- RUN BY EMMA - TETRAPACK PRINTING

SATURDAY 12TH NOV - ART FUNDRAISER

- RUN BY EMMA - TETRAPACK PRINTING

SATURDAY 3RD DEC - WINTER FAIR



Advent Window Trail

Make your window part of the Advent Window Trail this December, as we come together to bring festive family fun to the local area.

It's absolutely free

Decorated windows will pop up every day throughout December, and once you're signed up, you will be given the date for your window to be ready.

Central Estates are sponsoring the trail again this year and will provide a board for each house.

All funds go to the local food bank PL84U

To take part, please send your name and address to the email below here by the 4th Nov







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

Waltham Forest Becoming Autism Friendly

We are looking for contributions to how we can make Waltham Forest more autism friendly from autistic young people who live in or go to a secondary school or college in Waltham Forest.

As part of our All Age Autism strategy at Waltham Forest we are developing a set of standards for local businesses and organisations to sign up to. The aim of the standards is to supply advice on how their business will be able contribute to make our borough autistic friendly.

This will include guidelines and suggestions gathered from our autistic residents on how organisations within the borough can incorporate being autistic friendly into their business as usual.

If you would like to contribute your thoughts and ideas, we will be holding discussions sessions at the following locations:

Hale End Library, Castle Ave, London E4 9QD - Tuesday 8 November 2022, 5.30pm - 7pm Leyton Library, High Rd Leyton, London E10 5QH - Wednesday 9 November 2022, 5.30pm - 7pm Frederick Bremer School, Siddeley Rd, London E17 4EY - Thursday 10 November 2022, 5pm - 6.30pm

In return for your time and contribution, you will be given a £25 voucher. To register for a space and to ensure your voucher is available on the day please complete the registration form by clicking here

https://forms.office.com/r/WUXXEw66eY

Please note spaces will be issued on a first come first serve basis. There is a limit of one gift voucher per person.



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 5th 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 3rd 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 3rd April – Friday 14th 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