

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents & Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of Barn Croft cake sale for the Turkish Syrian Earthquake appeal – you raised a staggering £645!!!!

This week Y6 went on their trip to the Science Museum which was rescheduled from Autumn term due to the bad weather. They had a wonderful time and Ms Kousidou reported back to me that the children's behaviour had been exemplary which was so lovely to hear!

Today Y1 have been to the Natural History Museum – please expect very tired little ones after school! I am sure they will have had a wonderful day! Next week it is Y4's turn to go on their trips!

Thank you so much for your continued support about the teacher strikes – I know everyone here understands how difficult it can be for parents but we really appreciate your support.

A big thank you for the much improved and safer hairstyles etc!

I know there are letters going out to all parents of children whose attendance has fallen below 90% in line with Government guidance. We have a much higher than usual percentage of children below 90% at the moment and so we need to improve on this. Please only keep your child off school if they are ill. 10% of absence means 19 whole days across the school year!

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Tracey Griffiths

Key Diary Dates

7th March

**FOB Coffee Morning
9am all parents invited**

17th March

**William Morris
Year 3 Trip**

31st March

**Last day of Term
2:00pm finish**

3rd April – 14th April

**Half Term Holiday
School Closed**

17th April

**Inset Day
School Closed**

18th April

**Children Return to
School**

1st May

**Bank Holiday
School Closed**

What staff did this week

- This week saw the Waltham Forest Conference for schools – this began with an all-day conference for Headteachers and Chairs of Governors on Monday and there have been online sessions all week on various subjects including financial stability, sustainability, SEND, attendance, under 5's, improving the health and well-being of children & young people, mental health in schools, the Area SEND Inspection framework and lots of other school related issues.
- Mrs Duke and Mrs Nazir attended training at Whitefields school on autism.
- Today I attended training on Subject Access Requests as part of our GDPR training.
- Ms Kelly heard that she will be a local authority moderator this year for KS1 and Sats having passed the moderator training.
- On Thursday those staff who were in school spent the day clearing out old resources and giving the school a jolly good clean up so thank you to all of them!
- The senior leadership team have had 15 meetings this week with parents and other agencies.
- The senior leadership team have been working hard on getting everything together for the imminent Ofsted visit!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Spelling*



Reception – Digby & Kai

Year 1 – Mabel & Robin

Year 2 – Alice & Farley

Year 3 – Alessia & Seanna

Year 4 – Dot & Liam

Year 5 – Bilal & Yousra

Year 6 – Hanaa & Hichem

Tea Time Club – Liam – Year 4



Hot choc Friday

Rec- Caiden

Y1- Rea

Y2 – Lara

Y3- Martha

Y4 – Blake

Y5 – Nassim

Y6 – Billy

Next Parenting course starts Thursday 9th March 2023



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. It 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
- ❖ Development needs
- ❖ Behaviour difficulties
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Parenting styles
- ❖ Sleep

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 9th March 2023 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.

Friends of Barn Croft

Join us for a

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7th March

9am (after drop off)

In the small kitchen next to the hall
(Entry via the office) EVERYONE WELCOME



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Member Association



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