## The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents & Carers,

I thought Spring was on the way!!! And now this much colder and wetter weather arrives! Oh well — at least we have not had the snow that many parts of England are having at the moment. Only 2 weeks until those clocks spring forward!!

This week Y4 have been on 2 class trips in the local area to listen to the sounds in different environments – the local market and Walthamstow Wetlands. Well done Y4 for making your trips despite the cold wet weather!!

Mrs Sandy also took some girls from KS1 to a football festival – they really enjoyed it and did well.

You will soon see a planning application letter appear on our school gates – for the solar panels to go on our roof!!! This is very exciting news and shows all your hard work in raising the money being put into action!!

A separate letter has gone out this afternoon regarding the teacher strikes next week on 15th & 16th March.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March!** Children can come to school either dressed up as a book character or in the pyjamas ready for a bedtime story on that day. Please do not feel you need to buy anything new for this day!! We will have lots of different activities and staff will be dressed up too – an exciting day! On that day Friends of Barn Croft will also hold a book sale after school to raise money for new books for the school.

Have a good weekend!

Tracey Griffiths

Headteacher

### What staff did this week

- Our staff meeting this week was an opportunity for staff to try out and give their opinions on some new teaching and planning resources for History & Geography. This helps us to make sure we are using the resources and providing that support for staff to try and reduce their workload.
- On Wednesday all teachers went to Stoneydown Park Primary School after school to work with the teachers there on moderation of the children's work.
- Senior leaders have had over 20 meetings with parents and outside agencies to find and give support for various aspects of their children's development and well-being.
- I have been writing an action plan for raising attendance across the school for the local authority as part of the national drive to improve attendance after the Covid 19 lockdowns.
- I have been preparing agendas and paperwork for the upcoming Governor Finance Committee and Full Governing Body Meeting.
- I have been writing this year's School Asset Management Plan (SAMP) which is a document which lays out what we will be doing over the coming year to keep the building in good order.
- Miss Kelly has been working on improving our History curriculum and writing the long term plans for teachers to use when finished.
- Ms Nair and Miss Kelly went to visit Whitefields Special school for an afternoon to see how they provide support for children with a range of additional needs and to see how our provision compares in a mainstream school.

# Key Diary Dates

15th & 16th March

Teacher Strike
School Closed

17th March

William Morris
Year 3 Trip

23<sup>rd</sup> March

World Book Day

24th March

Disco —Year 3, 4 and 5 School Hall, 3:30–4:30pm

31st March

Last day of Term 2:00pm finish

3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April

Half Term Holiday
School Closed

17th April

Inset Day
School Closed

18th April

Children Return to School



Certificates this week have been awarded for Mental Maths

Reception -Amaya & Katrin

Year 1 – Harry & Robyn

Year 2 – Reuben & Seren

Year 3 – Ibrahim & Otis

Year 4 – Nateisha & Schane-Jae

Year 5 – Esme & Nassim

Year 6 – Musa & Sujan

Tea Time Club – Jay – Year 5

Year 2
Friday 17th March

**Hot choc Friday** 

**Reception-Omaya** 

Year 1- Belis

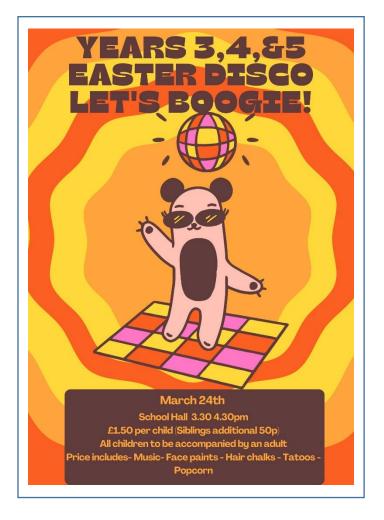
Year 2 - Cora

Year 3 - Violet

Year 4 - Mikel

Year 5 - Rosa

Year 6 – James











### 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 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 6<sup>th</sup> June School Starts

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