

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term break. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Meetings this week – the teachers have reported how positive and useful the discussions you had were. If you have not had a meeting please do contact the office or speak to the teacher to make another appointment.

Y6 had their visit to Project Zero and had a great time! I have been hearing that several of our children are now going to the Tuesday evening session there which is fantastic! It really is a great community resource so please do take your children along to see what is on offer.

This half term Y4 & Y5 will be having a weekly session with the coach from Leyton Orient football club.

Last week Mrs Moses and Miss Kelly discussed improving the after-school enrichment clubs with the School Council to get their ideas and feedback so that we can implement ideas next term.

Thank you for your response to the letter before half term about hair ornaments and tying hair back. It has been a lot better this week. We are aware of those children who have a sensory need and cannot tie their hair back.

Our focus in assemblies this half term is on our school values of Courage Love Excellence and we are really honing in on kindness and how we speak to each other.

Friends of Barn Croft are hosting a cake sale in aid of the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal on Monday 27th February after school at 3:30pm and after clubs at 4:30pm. Please bring cakes to sell to the school office on the morning of Monday 27th February or to the car park just before 3:30pm. Remember NO NUTS. Bring cash and food containers to buy cakes.

Next Thursday 2nd March is the second day of strike action by teachers. We will be fully closed as far as I know at this point so please arrange childcare for that day. I will send out a letter on Monday when I know for certain what is happening.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Tracey Griffiths

Key Diary Dates

27th March
Cake Sale
3:30 and 4:30pm

1st March
Science Museum
Year 6 Trip

3rd March
Natural History Museum
Year 1 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

Non Uniform Day
Friday 3rd March
Year 6

Hot choc Friday
Rec- Yasmin
Y1- Inaya
Y2 – Tabby
Y3- Lola
Y4 – Indi
Y5 – Jay
Y6 – Anabel

What staff did this week

- Miss Kelly was summoned for Jury service for 2 weeks!! Luckily they have now dismissed her so she can come back next week!
- Chris Moses was in for an extra couple of days this week and did some wonderful work with every class gathering their thoughts as part of our “pupil voice” work.
- I did a safeguarding training course on neglect and the long term impacts on child development.
- Mark (site manager) and I have been meeting cleaning companies in order to choose one to take over the cleaning of our school site.
- I met with someone from the local authority to do a site walk to show them how little space we have in school for our children to do interventions etc.
- I had my weekly primary headteachers meeting to discuss various issues including hearing how Ofsted inspections have been going in other schools – we are definitely in the “window” for inspection so it should be soon!
- I am part of a task group to design this year’s annual Section 11 Safeguarding Audit which the local authority asks every school to complete. We had our first meeting today.
- We had training on data through our online provider – very interesting information on results and attendance from last year.
- Amongst all of this the senior leadership team had around 20 meetings with individual parents and 4 formal meetings involving outside agencies.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Being Kind and Polite*



Reception – Ellie & Logan
Year 1 – Doran & Hanaa
Year 2 – Chelssy & Lily-Rose
Year 3 – Indiya & Olive
Year 4 – Clea & Max
Year 5 – Ada & Brijan
Year 6 – Naomi & Sujan
Tea Time Club – Nina – Year 2



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



Cake Sale



Raising money for the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Monday 27th February

3:30pm in the school car park
and after clubs finish at **4:30pm**

Please bring cakes to sell to the school office on the morning of Monday 27th February or bring to the car park just before 3:30pm.

Please include an ingredients list. **NO NUTS.**



Remember to bring cash for the sale after school.



Bring your own containers to put your bought cakes in.





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