

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Barn Croft! I do hope you all had an enjoyable summer break – I cannot believe how tall everyone has got over the six weeks! The children have transitioned back to school really well, classes have been calm, focused and ready to learn. They have quickly slotted back into routine and have shared lots of positive comments about their first week in their new classes. Ms Griffiths remains on sick leave and we have passed on your best wishes to her from the end of term. Adam Bennett is continuing to work with myself and the leadership team providing strategic leadership support; staff are excited to continue to implement our action plan and enrich the curriculum offer.

On **Wednesday 13th September**, we are hosting our 'Meet the Teacher' event at 3.45pm. Leaders and teachers will be sharing key information about school life, important dates and days as well as routines that your children follow in class. There will also be opportunities to ask questions you may have. I do hope to see you all there however if you are unable to attend, we will be emailing copies of the slides shared in your child's class.

Please come to the front office to sign in after you have collected your child/ren. **Reception parents have already attended their meet the teacher session in the summer term so there is not an additional session this term.**

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing a half termly curriculum newsletter to outline the curriculum coverage for this half term. These will give you an overview of your child's learning and help you to support them to consolidate and discuss/share their learning with you at home. Please remember that children should be reading every day at home with an adult. We will share our updated homework policy in the next few weeks, once ratified.

This September heatwave is set to continue over the weekend – I hope you manage to stay cool and safely enjoy the sunshine.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Kelly
Acting Headteacher



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Great Start to the Term*

Year 1 – Jason & Uma
Year 2 – Mabel & Masiah
Year 3 – Flora & Winnie
Year 4 – Dorothy & Verity
Year 5 – Nateisha & Mirhat
Year 6 – Arti & Maria

Key Diary Dates

13th September
Meet the Teacher Event
3:45pm

23rd October – 27th October
Half Term
School Closed

30th October
Children return to School

7th November
Individual School Photos

21st December
Last day of Term
2:00pm finish

22nd December – 5th January 2024
Christmas Holiday
School Closed

8th January
Staff Training Day
School Closed

9th January
Children return to School

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Year 1- Sylvia
Year 2- Hanaa
Year 3 – Louis
Year 4 – Anelka
Year 5 – Artin
Year 6 – Jah'Veil

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!



Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023 (74 days)

Monday 4th September Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
Tuesday 5th September Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Wednesday 6th September **School Starts**
Friday 20th October School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 30th October **School Starts**

Monday 13th November Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Thursday 21st December School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Friday 22nd December – Friday 5th January Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

Monday 8th January Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 9th January **School Starts**
Friday 9th February School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 19th February **School Starts**
Thursday 28th March School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

Summer Term 2024 (67 days)

Monday 15th April Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 16th April **School Starts**

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 24th May School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 3rd June **School Starts**
Wednesday 24th July School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term