

# The Barn Croft Newsletter

*Courage, Love, Excellence*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to let you know that the curriculum newsletters are being sent out today, apologies for the delay this half term but it has taken time to get curriculum mapping and documentation underway. Please use these to talk to your children about their learning in school and celebrate their successes in class. Next half term's curriculum newsletters will be due in the second week back after half term.

Next week, we will be hosting an informal SEND parent session for our parents of children with special educational needs. This is an opportunity for school to share Barn Croft's SEND offer and provide a tour of the Nurture Room (SEND provision space). If your child has an EHCP or is on the SEND register (you will have been informed) please do come along on Thursday 12th October at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing lots of parents there.

On Monday, all children will be having a wonderful opera experience! Ms Jennie has organised a fantastic event, alongside other musicians to explore and experience opera from around the world. This is an exciting opportunity for all. Please do remember to pay on Parentmail for your child.

Please don't forget to sign up for afterschool clubs if you have not done so already. They start Monday 9th October.

It was lovely to see Friends of Barn Croft (FOBC) meeting and greeting parents this afternoon, please do come along to their informal Coffee Morning on Tuesday 10th October straight after drop off. Other upcoming FOBC dates are on the calendar dates to the right!

Finally, enjoy the sunshine this weekend! It's unusual weather for October and the children have been commenting on the heat today, it has led to some great debates.

Have a great weekend everyone!

## What else staff have been doing this week:

- We had a solar pre install visit to look at the site in preparation for our solar panels to be installed.
- Miss Kelly met with Solar for Schools to begin to finalise plans for the install – this should be starting in a few weeks. Watch this space!
- Miss Kelly and Ms Pipe visited Stoneydown's EYFS provision and they came to visit Barn Croft, we worked collaboratively to share best practice.
- Leaders met with Waltham Forest's waste team to organise a fun and educational recycle day for Barn Croft.
- Miss Kelly met with head teachers from our West Walthamstow Partnership schools to discuss how our partnership can continue to collaborate on shared events, training, resources and expertise this year and beyond.
- Staff have been working on reviewing this half term's curriculum and further developing next half term's plans in line with our action plan.
- Leaders have had many meetings with specialists, outside agencies, parents and other teams working with Barn Croft.

Miss Kelly  
**Acting Headteacher**

## Key Diary Dates

**10th October**  
FOB Meet & greet  
coffee morning - school  
kitchen  
**9-10am**

**17th October**  
FOB AGM in school hall  
- **6.30 -7.30pm**

**20th October**  
Monthly class fundraiser  
cake sale year 3  
**After school**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup>  
October**  
Half Term  
**School Closed**

**30th October**  
Children return to School

**7th November**  
Individual School Photos

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

**21<sup>st</sup> December**  
Last day of Term  
**2:00pm finish**

**Pyjama Day**  
**Reception**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**Hot Chocolate Friday**  
**Reception – Amela**  
**Year 1 – Suellen**  
**Year 2 – Gaby**  
**Year 3 – Zoe**  
**Year 4 – Isaac**  
**Year 5 – Nateisha**  
**Year 6 - Yousra**



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Humanities*  
*Reception – David & Edison*  
*Year 1 – Paz & Troy*  
*Year 2 – Betsy & Idris*  
*Year 3 – Samuel & Seren*  
*Year 4 – Dylan H & Indiya*  
*Year 5 – Annie-Pip & Frankie*  
*Year 6 – Jay & Leo*

School Health Team Waltham Forest

[Thgpcg.wf0-19SPA1@nhs.net](mailto:Thgpcg.wf0-19SPA1@nhs.net)

0300 033 6200

Drop-in sessions:

**Our Community Nursery Nurses are providing monthly drop-in sessions in Waltham Forest Primary schools,**

**offering advice, support and signposting on a range of topics including:**

Healthy eating, height- weight management  
sleep routine, hygiene, toileting  
hearing and vision, child development

**Available to all parents and pupils every month. Following dates in school;**

Wednesday 18th October  
Wednesday 15th November  
Wednesday 13th December





**Flourish**  
Specialist Education Services



**Waltham Forest**

## SEND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Open to parents and carers of children aged 5-18 with SEND in mainstream schools in Waltham Forest. Come along and share experiences, discuss ideas, explore resources and develop a support network. All led by specialist Advisory Teachers.

To join us book online at: [Eventbrite](#)

<b>Down's Syndrome</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> 10.30-11.30	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/downs-syndrome-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-711179686587?aff=odcleoeventsincollection">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/downs-syndrome-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-711179686587?aff=odcleoeventsincollection</a> Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b> 10.30-11.30	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/downs-syndrome-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-711200268147?aff=odcleoeventsincollection">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/downs-syndrome-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-711200268147?aff=odcleoeventsincollection</a> Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
<b>Autism</b>	<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b> 11.30- 12.30pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-family-support-group-onsitevirtual-tickets-715196691557?aff=odcleoeventsincollection">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-family-support-group-onsitevirtual-tickets-715196691557?aff=odcleoeventsincollection</a> Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b> 11.30- 12.30pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-715200222117?aff=odcleoeventsincollection">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-715200222117?aff=odcleoeventsincollection</a> Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ



## 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 Craft 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.

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 course covers:

- ◆ Session 1: Introduction to the Solihull approach (21/9)
- ◆ Session 2: How are you and your child feeling? (28/9)
- ◆ Session 3: Tuning into your child's developmental needs (5/10)
- ◆ Session 4: Responding to your child's feelings (12/10)
- ◆ Session 5: Different styles of parenting (19/10)
- ◆ Session 6: Having fun with your child (2/11)
- ◆ Session 7: The rhythm of interaction and sleep (9/11)
- ◆ Session 8: Self-regulation and anger (16/11)
- ◆ Session 9: Communication and attunement - how to recover when things go wrong. (23/11)
- ◆ Session 10: Celebration (30/11)

The first meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st September 2022 at 9:00- 11:00 am.**

The group is free of charge. 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 (If you have previously done the course, you are free to join us again or drop in on any Thursday).

## Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

### **Dates:**

20th September 2023  
18th October 2023  
22nd November 2023  
6th December 2023  
17th January 2024  
28th February 2024  
27th March 2024  
24th April 2024  
22nd May 2024  
19th June 2024  
17th July 2024

To book a 30 minute  
consultation, please  
contact our  
Business  
Support Officer  
below

### **EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE**

Thorpe Hall School  
123 Hale End Road  
E17 4DP

Office  
02084961732 07776 589 597

Do you have concerns about your  
child?

Would you like to talk to an  
Educational  
Psychologist in confidence?

### **Appointment Only Sessions**

Afternoon sessions are 12.30-2pm  
Evening Sessions are 3.30- 5.00

**Individual consultation with an Educational  
Psychologist are offered via phone/zoom or in person for  
Parents and Carers living in London Borough Waltham  
Forest.**

**Sessions last for no more than 30 minutes and provide an  
opportunity to ask any questions or discuss concerns  
with a member of our culturally diverse Educational  
Psychology Team.**

Educational Psychologists are qualified specialists in child psychology and child development, with particular expertise in supporting children and young people with special educational needs, learning difficulties, and social, emotional and behaviour difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health Care Professionals Council.

[educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk)





# Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2023-2024

## **Autumn Term 2023** (74 days)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**  
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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**School Starts**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**School Starts**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Spring Term 2024** (54 days)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**School Starts**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**School Starts**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Summer Term 2024** (67 days)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**School Starts**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**School Starts**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term