

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are already a week into the new half term!? It has flown by this week but has been a really enjoyable week in school. The children have attended well to their lessons and work, especially considering they may have been celebrating Halloween, at the disco or even a fireworks display! If you are attending any fireworks displays this weekend then have a great time and stay safe.

Some of our pupils attended a swimming festival today and had a wonderful time, they represented Barn Croft beautifully and Mrs Sandy was so impressed with the children's attitude and determination to succeed – well done to everyone involved. I restarted 'Hot Choc Fridays' in school this week, it was so lovely to spend time hearing about the children's successes this week and how they are enjoying their learning in class. The children shared what they are enjoying most about the new way we are teaching subjects and the quality of their discussions about the knowledge they had gained were excellent – well done to all the children and staff working hard in the classrooms.

Friends of Barn Croft met this week to make plans for upcoming fundraising events – please keep your eyes peeled for events being advertised. Parental support is the only way these events and fundraisers can happen, please do speak to your class rep if you can lend a hand in any way.

Next week you will receive your child's half termly curriculum newsletter. This includes the due date of their open homework project (optional) as well as homework expectations for all children – reading daily and challenges set on Numbots/Times Tables Rockstars. Year 5 and 6 will be starting to be set their short weekly reading homework from next week on Google Classroom in preparation for the demands of homework in secondary school. Please support your children to access and complete their home tasks as these really support them in the classroom.

Please take the time to review the dates to the right, we have photos, vaccines, INSET days and parents evenings all coming up in the next couple of weeks. Parents evening bookings are all made online and school cannot amend these, please see the letter sent to you via ParentMail this week for details of parents evenings and instructions on how to complete your booking. Please note, **appointments are strictly 10 minutes** and teachers will have to stop the meeting at this time and direct you to rebook should you feel that you need any further discussion, this is so that all parents can have their slot on time and so teachers are not here any later than needed. Please arrive promptly for your appointment time. If you have any difficulty booking, please pop into the school office for support, we look forward to seeing all parents attending this important event.

We have had high levels of absence recently, I know this is the time of year that coughs and colds are starting to hit but please do carefully consider whether your child needs to be at home or if they can come to school and see how they get on. Each day they are not in school is valuable lost learning time. If you are unsure, please call the school office for advice – school will always call you if your child deteriorates or is unable to attend to lessons.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, hopefully the rain stops long enough for you to enjoy it!

Miss Kelly
Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

7th November
Individual School Photos

8th November
Flu Vaccinations

13th November
Staff Training Day
School Closed

14th November
Parents Evening Day 1
3:40pm-7:00pm

16th November
Parents Evening Day 2
3:40pm-5:40pm

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

Non Uniform Day

**Friday 10th
November**

Year 4 & Year 5

Hot Chocolate Friday
Reception – Janiyah
Year 1 – Katrin
Year 2 – Mabel
Year 3 – Adea
Year 4 – Ibrahim
Year 5 – Clea
Year 6 - Jemima



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Being Kind and Polite*
Reception – Eric & Zeriah

Year 1 – Ellie & Zoe

Year 2 – Gurnav & Rea

Year 3 – Louis & Orson

Year 4 – Alessia & Loni

Year 5 – Josephine & Russo

Year 6 – Ronan & Lucia

School Nurse Team

Thgpcg.wf0-19SPA1@nhs.net

0300 033 6200

**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 15th November

Wednesday 13th December





Barn Croft Primary Sports Leaders

This year we are VERY excited to announce our new Sports Leaders for 2023\24.

These children applied for the role by completing an application form and created a game to show and explain why they would be good Sports Leaders for the school.

The role includes:

1. Helping to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles for everyone.
2. Organise competitions throughout numerous year groups.
3. Have a key role in assemblies, this might be distributing certificates, announcing winners for certain games etc.
4. Be a role model and champion for PE and school sport.
5. Be the youth voice for PE and school sports in school and be confident to speak in front of others.
6. Engage and inspire others
7. Attending sports trips to support KS1 children

After applying for a position, we have 6 appointed Sports Leaders.

This is an exciting opportunity for hard working, confident and passionate children who are keen to grow and develop their leadership skills in preparation for transition to Year 7.

Please meet our FANTASTIC TEAM!





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](#)

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

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



Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023 (74 days)

Monday 4th September
Tuesday 5th September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
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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