

# The Barn Croft Newsletter

*Courage, Love, Excellence*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully all parents will have had the opportunity to read the letter sent out yesterday regarding Ms Griffiths' personal decision to retire. Yesterday afternoon I led an assembly with the children to discuss retirement, what this would mean for Ms Griffiths, Barn Croft and themselves. I shared a letter from Ms Griffiths, we read a poem and gave a big cheer for Ms Griffiths. The children have had time in class to create cards to send to Ms Griffiths, they have written some lovely messages which I know will be well received – some children asked if Ms Griffiths would be spending all her retirement reading 205 cards! We reminded children that there were lots of people to talk to if they had any worries or questions but on the whole the comments from children centred around Ms Griffiths being a wonderful person and how she made Barn Croft a lovely school that they enjoy being a part of – a sentiment shared by all. We are collating a book of messages for Ms Griffiths from parents, if you would like to write something to be put into the book please email your message (including your name and child's name) to [school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk) by Wednesday 18th October. Ms Griffiths will be missed by the whole Barn Croft community, her dedication to Barn Croft has been admirable she has worked tirelessly to create the wonderful, inclusive, supportive ethos and culture in this school that we all know and love. I hope you will join me in wishing her a very happy, very enjoyable and very well-deserved retirement!

On Monday, the whole school attended an Opera Workshop, themed around the world. This was a superb event, thoroughly enjoyed by the children and such a fantastic opportunity and experience for them to have. A huge thank you to Ms Jennie for organising this event. Many children have asked if it can be an annual event so watch this space! Year 4 went on a trip to the Wetlands on Wednesday – a great time had by all and well done to Year 4 for their outstanding behaviour on the trip. Some KS1 children attended a cross-country event, they had to run quite a distance and Mrs Sandy commented on how proud she was seeing the children encourage each other, demonstrate their resilience and challenge themselves to improve their pace. Well done to all, it has been a busy week!

Next week, on Monday, we have a LBWF recycle event for all classes. Further sports trips and class trips as well as lots of art and DT in curriculum!

Have a restful weekend,

Miss Kelly  
Acting Headteacher

## What else staff have been doing this week:

- FOBC coffee morning to discuss upcoming fundraising ideas and priorities
- Governors met for their first meeting of the academic year to review progress to date
- We held a SEND parent workshop, including visiting our nurture room and sensory space, this was very useful and we will be holding further events in the coming terms
- Reception 2024 parent tours are continuing weekly and are well attended
- Leaders met with finance team
- Leaders had GDPR training and an informal school review
- Leaders met with multiple outside agencies, services and parents
- Further curriculum reviews and plans are being completed to close the half term and prepare for autumn two

## Key Diary Dates

**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**

**14th November**  
Parents Evening Day 1

**16th November**  
Parents Evening Day 2

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

**Hot Chocolate Friday**  
Reception – Edie  
Year 1 – Troy  
Year 2 – Rosie  
Year 3 – Alice  
Year 4 – Maryam  
Year 5 – Izabela  
Year 6 - Ella



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Science*

*Reception – Leon & Ziggy*

*Year 1 – Kai & Sylvia*

*Year 2 – Bea & Hadi*

*Year 3 – Fionn & Reuben*

*Year 4 – Dylan D & Rosalie*

*Year 5 – Dot & Mikel*

*Year 6 – George & Rosa*

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**



# FRIENDS OF BARN CROFT



**Annual General Meeting**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Stay informed and get involved.**

**SCHOOL HALL**

**TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2023**



**Parentkind**  
Member Association



**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 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 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
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 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
Autism	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 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
	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 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 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.

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**