

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks in this half term are flying by – can you believe we are only two weeks from the end of the Autumn term? It has been a long term for the children, we are six weeks in but they are working incredibly hard in class and amazing us every day with their knowledge and attitude towards their learning. This week I was in classes to review the learning and spent time looking at children's books to support further developing our curriculum offer; you may find your children talking more about the new challenges in their lessons and how we use purple pen for these – the addition of an extra colour especially for challenges has been very popular, even for those not so keen to be challenged! I'd like to thank all our classroom staff for engaging so well with the development process and for working collaboratively with leaders to deliver the planned improvements so quickly and effectively.

Recently, children at Barn Croft have had lots of opportunities to attend sports festivals that are beyond what could be offered in school. These events are funded by the school and provide such wonderful experiences for all, thank you to parents for volunteering to accompany on these trips as they could not happen without additional adult support. Recently, children have attended curling, ice skating, boccia and swimming – Barn Croft were placed 2nd in the swimming festival earning medals and a framed certificate of placement that will proudly be displayed in the cabinet in the foyer. These events are vital for developing team player skills as well as resilience, we know these are key life skills and are pleased to have these additional personal development opportunities as part of our wider curriculum offer.

Reception visited the Wetlands this week, the rain held off and they had a wonderful time. Again, thank you to all parents who supported on this trip. When speaking to children after the trip I heard lots of lovely things about what they did and what they enjoyed - as always lunch was one of the most popular events of the trip! Mrs Pipe informed me that the children were impeccably behaved and showed great listening skills throughout the trip – well done Reception!

This weekend is the winter fair, I do hope you are all able to come along and enjoy the crafts, stalls, entertainment, food and drinks available while also supporting vital fundraising for the school. Don't forget we have the REAL Santa in attendance! I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Next week EYFS and KS1 are performing their shows to parents – please do come along to support and enjoy their wonderful performances (times and dates to the right).

Have a restful weekend!

Miss Kelly
Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

10th December

Winter Fair 12-3pm
SEND quiet time 11 am-12pm

12th December

Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas show
9:30-10:30am Parents Welcome

13th December

EYFS Christmas show
9:30-10:30am Parents Welcome

15th December

Christmas Lunch

21st December

Last day of Term
2:00pm finish



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Attitude towards learning*

Reception – Hibat & Murael

Year 1 – Rickie & Uma

Year 2 – Aaliyah & Gaby

Year 3 – Alice & Cora

Year 4 – Lilly & Lola

Year 5 – Taro & Nateisha

Year 6 – Jemima & Thalia

Hot Choc Friday
Reception – Alva
Year 1 – Setayesh
Year 2 – Robyn
Year 3 – Hannah
Year 4 – Alessia
Year 5 – Liam
Year 6 – Tomas

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

365 Days in a Year
190 School Days
175 Non School Days

Over half a term missed!

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

0 Days Absence

190
Days in School

Perfect!

10 Days Absence

180
Days in School

19 Days Absence

171
Days in School

4 weeks missed!

29 Days Absence

161
Days in School

38 Days Absence

152
Days in School

47 Days Absence

143
Days in School

100%
Attendance

95%
Attendance

90%
Attendance

85%
Attendance

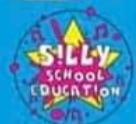
80%
Attendance

75%
Attendance

Best chance of success

Less chance of success

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances



Entry:
Adults £1
Kids Free

Join us for some festive fun at
Friends of Barn Croft's

Winter FAIR

**SUNDAY 10TH
DECEMBER**

12-3PM

SEND quiet time 11am-12pm



Cakes & Bakes. Hot Food & Drinks

Arts & Crafts. Festive Nails

Games. Music & Barn Croft Choir

Wildlife Garden Grotto & More



2 Brunel Road, E17 8SB

School Nurse Team

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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 13th December



How can I get my child to eat healthier if they won't try new things?



Peter Humbles, Family Nutritionist

Our top 6 tips to tackle fussy eating at home

1. The big "why"? Why don't they try new things? Are there tastes or textures they love or hate?

2. Check your language. Aim for encouraging language and avoid labelling. Swap "my child doesn't eat vegetables" for "my child loves sweetcorn."

3. Lower anxiety at mealtimes. Phones away and focus on chatting. There's no need to pressure them to try new foods.

4. Exposure. Get them to pick out fruits and veg when you're out shopping and ask them to help chop them up.

5. Routine. Set mealtimes to build regular habits and aim for 2 healthy snacks per day between meals.

6. Make it fun! Make funny face pizzas and add some new toppings.



Get FREE support to get your family healthier

Join programmes starting in January, or start online programmes now!



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...or click here to find out more

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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

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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.

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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