

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the fabulous winter fair on Sunday! The whole day was a blast and the children really enjoyed the event. Lots of fun was had while raising much needed funds. I hear that having the real Santa was an extra special Barn Croft treat! I will let you know the total raised in due course but sending an enormous thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who organised and ran the day as well as those who kindly donated food, time, crafts and prizes as well as everyone who came along to enjoy the day.

Early Years and Key Stage One performed superbly on Tuesday and Wednesday! A massive well done to all the children for all their hard work learning songs, lines and actions for their productions – their hard work really paid off and I was so impressed with the confidence and skills demonstrated. I'd also like to extend a huge thank you and well done to all staff involved in pulling these shows together – I can tell you from personal experience that school productions are no easy challenge to do successfully – well done to everyone; it was amazing and definitely more than 'alright on the night'! Thank you to all parents and carers who attended, we hope you enjoyed the show!

We had our annual school Christmas lunch today – although I wasn't able to make it into the hall at lunchtime I hear this was well received and the highlight according to a few children I spoke to was that the teachers ate their lunch with the children and that it was 'really lovely to be able to share a meal have a chat with them' – our children at Barn Croft are so very kind!

As this term draws to a close there are a few things to note for next week. Wednesday afternoon the children have their class Christmas parties (school provided) and on **Thursday 21st December it is the last day of term and the children finish at 2pm. There is no tea time club on 21st December.**

Have a restful weekend!

Miss Kelly
Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

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

22nd December - 5th January
Christmas Holiday
School Closed

8th January
Staff Training Day
School Closed

9th January
Children return to school

Please note, there is no Tea time club on Thursday 21st December. Please collect your child at 2pm.



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Star of the Term*

Reception – Nat & Phoebe
Year 1 – Elisa & Troy
Year 2 – Hanaa & Masiah
Year 3 – Ada & Reuben
Year 4 – Audrey & Dylan H
Year 5 – Addan & Liam
Year 6 – Ella & Ronan

Hot Choc Friday
Reception – Zeriah
Year 1 – Jason
Year 2 – Chloe
Year 3 – Samuel
Year 4 – Rosalie
Year 5 – Schane-Jae
Year 6 - Lucia

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

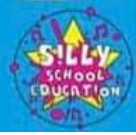
80%
Attendance

75%
Attendance

Best chance of success

Less chance of success

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances



WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

2-5 JANUARY 2024

Are you aged between 5-16
and in receipt of benefit
related free school meals?

Funded by the Department for
Education, this winter we have
the opportunity for you to try a
wide range of free activities, have
fun, make friends and enjoy a free
meal every day across the borough.

**BOOKING
IS ESSENTIAL**

on all activities so
book early to avoid
disappointment



To book your place and find
out more scan here or visit
WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS



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



Our top 6 tips
to tackle fussy eating at home

Peter Hunkles, Family Nutritionist

Get **FREE** support to get
your family healthier

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

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.



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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
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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