



**Barcroft**  
Primary School



# EYFS Newsletter

## Autumn Term

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### Key Dates

4th September—  
school starts for  
all children.

Reception hours:  
8:45-13:00 (week  
1), then 8:45-15:15  
(from week 2).

Nursery hours:  
9:00-11:00 /  
13:00-15:00 (week  
1 and 2), then 8:45  
-11:45 / 12:30-  
1530 (from week  
3). 30 hours  
provision will be  
available from  
week 3.

6th September—  
Lucy's Blue Day  
dress up day. All  
children can wear  
blue to school.

7th October—  
World Science  
Week.

28th October to  
1st November—  
Half term.

## Welcome to Early Years!

A warm welcome to all new children and parents at Barcroft. We are very excited for your child to be joining our school. Also, a huge well done to our current Nursery who have worked so hard last year and are excited to begin Reception.

### Staffing

I am Mr Bhatti and I am the Early Years Phase Leader. We are excited to welcome a few new members of staff joining our team this year. Miss Glover and Miss Colman are our new Reception teachers, Miss Keyworth is our new Nursery teacher and Mr Guy will be working in Reception.

### Contact Details

Please could all parents ensure that that the office have up to date contact details for you. Important letters and messages will be sent over the year via email.

### Marvellous Me

We also use an app called Marvellous Me to send

messages to parents, and rewards and badges for your child. Please could all parents ensure that you have downloaded this app onto your mobile phone.

### School Dinners

From next week children are able to order a school dinner or bring a packed lunch from home. School dinners must be booked through ParentPay a week in advance.

### Attendance

It is vital that children are in school everyday and that they arrive on time. Whilst we understand that your child may be poorly at times, every day of missed school has an impact on their learning. Children who have 100% attendance will receive a special prize at the end of the term!!

### Uniform

Parents should ensure that children are always wearing their full school uniform. Children should also have spare clothing kept in school.

### PE

PE lessons for Reception children will begin this half term. These will take place every Friday morning. All children are required to wear our school PE kit—white t shirt, black shorts, black pumps.

### Homework

We will begin issuing homework for Reception children this half term. Homework will be focused on literacy, maths and topic work linked to learning in class. Homework will be issued every Wednesday and should be handed in to Mrs Gayden the following Monday.

### Reading

All Nursery and Reception children will be given a copy of the RML sounds and high frequency words. Please practice reading and writing these weekly with your child. Reception children will also be issued with reading books and these should be brought back with their homework bag to exchange on a Monday.

## What are we learning?

During the first Autumn half term, Nursery and Reception's topic will be 'All About Me'. The children will be learning about families, similarities and differences, and making friends. We will also be celebrating Space Week in October and Diwali towards the end of the half term.

After the half term break, our topic will be 'Let's Celebrate!' We will be learning about different festivals, religions and

cultures. We are excited to celebrate lots of different special occasions including Bonfire Night, Hannukah, Christmas, birthdays and weddings. It is also Road Safety Week in November so we will be inviting parents on our Road Safety Walks.

We will also be running a number of 'Stay and Play' sessions across the year. We would love to see as many parents as we can attend these!

### We are here to help!

Please leave any messages with a member of staff at the start of the school day. Appointments will need to be made to meet with Mr Bhatti or class teachers. Your children are our top priority. Please talk to us if you have queries. We are here to help!

**Mr Bhatti &  
The EYFS Team**