



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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School is closed next Thursday 23rd May

*“Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed”*



## Football Success!

*“It was Barley Lane v Chadwell Primary, and in the first 10 minutes we were down 2-0. Then we were like a different team, passing better and with more confidence! Soon it was 1-0 after Yash scored a goal. He then scored another goal to equalise before Malik flicked another in before the half time whistle. The other team then equalised before Lakhan-Pal tapped in the winning goal with 3 minutes to spare. Our first win of the season!”* Well done Barley Lane Football Team for a wonderful win yesterday!

## Year 3 Story Boxes

Year three have been working hard to create story boxes based on the story of Charlotte’s Web. The story boxes were really impressive and allowed the children to develop a solid understanding of the text. Making the story boxes gave them the opportunity to discuss the text in an exciting way, as well as using their creativity. Well done Year 3!



## Year 2 Church Trip

As part of our RE topic, Year 2 will be visiting Goodmayes Methodist Church on Percy Road on the morning of Wednesday 12th June. If you are able to accompany the children on this trip, please see your child's class teacher.

## London History Day next Friday (Non Uniform)



We invite all children at Barley Lane to join in to celebrate London History Day on **Friday 24th May**. The theme for this year's event is **celebration**. There are lots of ways we can celebrate London's heritage, history and culture. For dress up ideas click on the [link](#).

## Kitchen Inspection

Well done to our kitchen staff who had an unannounced environmental health inspection this week and scored a wonderful rating of '5' which is the highest rating possible. The inspection came just before lunchtime, when the kitchen is at its busiest. Thank you to the team for all of their hard work.



## Strictly Come Signing

On Thursday, April 25th some children from our school choir participated in a filming session for "Strictly Come Signing" - a competition to promote the importance of Sign Language in Redbridge. They sang, signed and choreographed "This is Me" by Keala Settle. Unfortunately, due to the very high standard of entries, the judges had to make some very difficult decisions and on this occasion, our school JUST missed out. We are still very proud of our choir hard work and we would also like to give many thanks to Ms Aguerralde and Mrs Coles for their great help during rehearsals.



*“They are really good at teaching phonics and also involving parents to help the children learn”*

Year 1 parent, April 2019

## Cycling Events - Reception, Year 3 & 4

A reminder that the cycling sessions for some children in Reception and 3 & 4 are taking place next week. You should have already received notification of the date of your child’s session. If your child is using their own bike, please leave it with their helmet in the quad before the start of school. If your child does not have a bike they can borrow one from school. Please make sure your child wears appropriate footwear and a warm jacket.



## coffeemorning



Join us for our monthly coffee morning in the Infant Hall next Friday at 9 a.m. Our Headteacher Mr Henry will be joining us for an informal chat about plans to establish a parent forum. For those who are fasting, we will have two further coffee mornings before the end of the year.

## Next week’s Assembly Theme: Justice



## Bikes and Scooters

Could we please ask that if children are cycling or riding their scooter to school they dismount before they enter the school playground to prevent accidents occurring. Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary

Key events for Summer term are available on our [Event Calendar](#). Term dates 2019-20 are available [here](#).

## Parent Survey: 'Even Better If'

We have been sharing feedback from the Spring Parent Survey in recent weeks. This week, we address the five main 'Even Better If' topics. We appreciate your feedback.

### 1. Homework

There were a variety of comments about homework. Some parents think that there is too much homework, others would like more, some think it's too difficult, others feel that it's too easy!

**Our response:** We aim to provide age-appropriate, stimulating, relevant homework. Our homework policy is due to be reviewed again in the autumn term. We have taken earlier feedback on board and now upload homework to our website each Friday. With homework, it's difficult to please everybody!



### 2. Curriculum Information

Some parents asked to be updated as to the topics which the children will be learning about, in order to support at home. **Our response:** Our curriculum topic webs and termly topic overviews for each year group are now published on our school [website](#) and we plan to hold parent curriculum meetings with each year group team in September.



### 4. Communication

Suggestions were made regarding timings of some letters, payment requests and specific messages from school, as well as the need to consider working parents when holding events. Requests for regular opportunities to discuss wider issues with leadership.

**Our response:** We continue our move to electronic systems, with parent evening booking and club payment systems moving online this year. We publish workshop powerpoints on our [website](#) and we try to get trip letters to you in good time. However we apologise that on occasion, letters and payment requests have been sent at short notice.



Unfortunately our office staff sometimes have to deliver difficult messages to parents regarding absence requests, penalty notices, lateness for performances etc. We aim to do so as professionally and empathetically as possible and appreciate your support with this. Leadership team members are available on the playground most days, attend coffee mornings and we aim to establish a parent forum in the coming months, where representatives will have the opportunity to share ideas, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

### 3. Clubs

Requests for a greater variety of afterschool clubs and extended breakfast club hours.

**Our response:** We have introduced a number of new clubs this year: rugby, scooter club, dance, zumba, bollywood dance. Gardening club has just started, now that the weather has improved. After half term, bike club, cricket club, coding club and Chill Out with Your Child will be commencing. We hope to introduce a Cookery Club based on feedback and will look to adding more clubs in Autumn. We now employ an external sports coach every lunchtime to work with Key Stage 2 children. Unfortunately, due to staffing arrangements, our Early Bird Club hours will remain as they currently are for the remainder of the year, but we will review timings late in summer term and keep parents updated.

**5. Progress Information** Some parents requested weekly/monthly progress reports on children.

**Our Response:** Progress is reported on in a number of ways. We send the children's books home to parents each term. This is followed by parent evenings each term. In addition, we send children's annual report home towards the end of Spring Term and a end-of-year summary of attainment and progress. At present, more regular reporting would not be feasible due to teacher priorities being planning, delivering high quality lessons and marking books. However, we will consider it in the future and of course, class teachers remain available for 1:1 meetings should parents have specific concerns.



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## A new Community Hub is coming to **Seven Kings**

The community hub will be a new building that contains services provided by the council and space for the local community. The community hub will serve Seven Kings, Goodmayes, Chadwell Heath, Newbury Park, Mayfield, Loxford and Clementswood.

**Please join us at a free public meeting  
and have your say about what it will offer**

### **Thursday 30 May**

There are two sessions:

**10.30am - 1pm**

**6pm - 8.30pm**

Isaac Newton Academy  
Secondary School entrance  
1 Cricklefield Place  
IG1 1FY

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