



“Believe in yourself...Learn together...Persevere...Succeed”

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Newsletter Week Ending 20 April 2018

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to touch base with you all at the start of this new term and my final term. I am delighted that the governors have been able to appoint a headteacher, Mr Henry, for September. The school will continue to grow and flourish under his leadership, I'm sure, and it will be good for the whole school community to have the stability to take the school to even greater things. This term my work will be two-fold, I will be working alongside the two Associate heads and the leadership team to embed the work we have been doing over the previous two terms but I will also be liaising with Mr Henry with anything that will affect him when he takes over in September. I aim for it to be as smooth a transition as possible. I also sincerely hope that the relationship that we have built between Barley Lane and my own school, Grove, will continue to flourish. There has been a lot of joint work which has benefited both schools in a very positive way. I have really enjoyed my time at Barley Lane and I am looking forward to a happy and successful summer term with some really good outcomes at the end of it. Enjoy the sunshine whilst it lasts!

Mrs Webb

Executive Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your children have had a relaxing break and are ready for the busy term ahead!

We have lots of events happening including SATs tests for our Year 2 and 6 children, sports day, and trips out. The Parents Association will also be holding a 'Fun Day' - more details to follow soon.

Three new members of staff have joined us this term - Mrs Mansoor and Mrs Yaqub who will be working in Year 1, and Mr Asad who will be working across several year groups. We extend a very warm welcome to them.

Thank you to all our parents who have been bringing their children into school on time and have made sure that their children attend regularly. There is still room for improvement so we hope that this term will be even better.

Enjoy the sunny weather and have a good weekend,

Mrs Ballantyne and Mrs Knight.

Associate Headteachers



ST GEORGES DAY— NON UNIFORM DAY



On Monday 23rd April we will be celebrating St Georges Day by wearing red & white. St George's Day in England remembers St George, England's patron saint. The anniversary of his death, which is on April 23, is seen as England's national day. According to legend, he was a soldier in the Roman army who killed a dragon and saved a princess.

YEAR 1 PHONIC TESTS

During the week beginning 11 June 2018 your child will carry out a phonic screening test. This is a statutory check that has to be carried out during this week. The check will consist of 40 words, 20 real words and 20 nonsense words and shows us how your child is applying their phonic knowledge to read words. The results of the check will be sent home at the end of term.

Year One teachers would like to invite you to come to one of the Parent Workshops regarding the screening test on Thursday 26 April 2018 at 8:15am and at 3:45pm. We have offered two timings to make it more flexible for parents - no appointment is necessary, just come along. Parents/Carers are invited to attend either morning or afternoon session. The sessions will take place in the Infant Hall. It is very important for all parents/carers to attend as there will be key information on how to prepare your child to be successful in the test.

YEAR 3 & 4 TRIPS NEXT WEEK



Year 3 & 4 children are going on trips next week. Please make sure children wear full school uniform and are dressed appropriately for the weather - for example sun cream if it is warm or jacket if it is raining. Please remember your child will need to bring a packed lunch and water to drink.

3R & 3H - Tuesday 24th April, British Museum

3A & 3S - Wednesday 25th April, British Museum

Year 4 classes - Tuesday 24th April, Colchester Zoo



6C BOOSTER CLASS CANCELLED NEXT WEEK

The booster class for 6C next Thursday 26th April is cancelled. All other booster classes will be running as usual.

PARENTS EVENING— DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our next Parents Consultation Evening will be on Wednesday 11th July. More details to follow nearer the date.

SHOW & TELL - RECEPTION CHILDREN

Please bring in a show and tell based on a specific theme. This could be through photographs or pictures that your child has drawn. Please make a note of the dates and themes below as your child will be asked to show and talk about this every week. This will only be once a week, per child.

W/B: 23rd April – Photographs of a timeline of your life (1 per stage – newborn, baby, toddler, now)

W/B: 30th April – Summer changes

W/B: 7th May – Draw a picture of a plant or an animal from your garden/park

W/B: 14th May – Draw a picture of who you want to be when you grow up

W/B: 21st May – Picture/list of items to prepare for a holiday

Half Term (28th May-1st June)

Thank you for your co-operation

Miss Din Ms Bursuc Mrs Bal Mrs Bezan Ms Davies



LITTER AROUND SCHOOL

Please can you make sure that you and your child pick up any litter that is dropped in the playground. There are litter bins located around the playground area. Children are dropping litter particularly at the end of the day and staff are spending a lot of time clearing up the playground. Please make your children aware of the importance keeping our environment tidy and treating our living spaces with respect. Thank you.



ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for the week of 26th March was:

92.91%

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance were:

EYFS : Yellow 98.33% KS2 : 3A 98.72%

