



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

Executive Headteacher: Mrs D P Webb

Associate Headteacher: Mrs V E Ballantyne Associate Headteacher: Mrs A C Knight

Newsletter Week Ending 20 July 2018

MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you will join me in thanking Mrs Webb for her time as Executive Headteacher this year and also to Ms Ballantyne and Ms Knight for stepping up to the role of Associate Headteachers. The Governors are grateful to them and, indeed, to all members of staff, teachers and support staff, for all their efforts.

The school has made significant progress this year and can now look forward with confidence to the arrival of the new permanent Headteacher, Mr M. Henry, when he takes over in September and builds upon those successes in the coming weeks and months.

I would also particularly like to thank you for your continued support for the class teachers and all their colleagues as they strive to do the very best for your children.

With all good wishes for a happy and relaxing holiday.

Yours sincerely,

David Backhouse

Interim Chair of Governors

National Leader of Governance

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Farewell Barley Lane

I can't believe that I am writing my final words to you already. The year has sometimes felt long yet it has flown. I hope you have seen some of the improvements that I have brought to Barley Lane, I was brought in to hold the school steady whilst a new headteacher was found. It's never easy to run two schools even when they are just up the road from one another. Each school has its own unique set of issues as well as many similarities and my only regret is that I wasn't able to spend more time at Barley Lane really getting to know everyone better. Your children have been delightful and it was sad when I spoke to them all in my final assembly earlier this week, they are a credit to you all. Always there with a cheery 'hello Mrs Webb'. The staff and governors have been very supportive even though it's a difficult time when a school doesn't have a full-time headteacher. They have taken on board all of my suggestions for the good of the school. We have made many links with Grove and I know they will continue. Mrs Knight and Mrs Ballantyne deserve a special mention as they are the ones that have been running the school every day, dealing with the highs and lows that running a school brings. They have done a great job and I couldn't have done it without them. Finally I am so pleased that the school has now got Mr Henry to lead you all to even greater things. Since the time he was appointed, I have had many conversations with him to ensure a smooth transition. I am confident he will give Barley Lane the stability it needs to become an outstanding school. Good luck everyone, Barley Lane will always have a special place in my heart.

Mrs Webb

Executive Headteacher



MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHERS

Well, what a wonderful year it has been. Our children at Barley Lane have not failed to impress us with their hard work and commitment to learning. Many children have risen to the challenge of reading more books and writing more detailed pieces of writing including some very difficult grammar concepts. Others have stepped up to bravely test their mathematical skills in arithmetic tests and we have had children attending gifted writers and able maths days at different schools. Our athletics and football teams performed extremely well in their competitions and their true sportsmanship shone. Sports days were once again a real success, with all children competing to their best. The choir performed at the Community festival at the weekend and they sang again in school this morning, joining with musicians to provide a delightful music assembly.

It has been a pleasure to lead the school as Associate Heads this year and we have thoroughly enjoyed having Mrs Webb to work with us and guide us. We thank the parents and children for their continued support and look forward to a new beginning in September, as we welcome Mr Henry as Head Teacher.

We wish you a very happy and relaxing summer break.

Mss Ballantyne and Mrs Knight

Associate Headteachers



FAREWELLS

As another year draws to an end, we will unfortunately be saying farewell to some of our staff. Miss Davies has worked with us for eleven years across the school, with additional responsibility for focusing on our pupils with English as an additional language. She is taking a break from teaching to spend more time with her young twins. Mr Niam, who has been an asset in year two over the past year will be moving abroad to teach. Miss Kilgariff is also moving on, after working with years Two and Three over the past four years and Miss Said, who has worked with Year One will be working in a new school, closer to home. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication to our children at Barley Lane and wish them well in their new adventures.

We would also like to wish Mrs Mansoor, Mrs Yaqub and Mr Asad the best as they move on after supporting some of our children this term.



SCHOOL LIBRARY



With thanks to the dedicated hard work of Mrs Rogers and the team of volunteers, we have managed to raise £ 1,201.77 for our library, through selling old books. We would also like to thank the PA who have donated a very generous £10,000. It has taken many months to prepare the library for children's use and thanks to your generous contributions through dressing up days and buying the books, we hope to be fully up and running in the autumn term.

REMINDER FOR YEAR 2

A reminder that if your child is in year 3 next year and has school dinners you will need to pay for these in September. Dinners cost £2.20 per day, and will need to be paid for via your Parentpay account. Thank you.



BIKEABILITY-YEAR 6 SEPTEMBER



We have some fun cycling activities coming up at the beginning of September for children who will be in Year 6. Children will have an opportunity to learn how to ride safely and will have a chance to have their own bike serviced for free! Look out for more details next term.

RETURN TO SCHOOL



School re-opens on Wednesday 5th September . Gates open at 8.30am, and children are welcomed into their classes at 8.45am, ready to start the school day at 8.55am.

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for last week:

93.89%

The classes with the best attendance were:

EYFS - Nursery AM 99.2%

KS1 - 2B 99.33%

KS2 - 3S 98.62%



School's Out For Summer!!!

A cartoon illustration of a child with blonde hair, wearing a green dress and pink shoes, sitting on the floor. There are several books and papers scattered around the child, suggesting a school or study environment.