



***“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 16 March 2018

### MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents & Carers

Last month, I announced that the Governing Body had completed the first stage of the selection process for appointing a new Headteacher.

I am delighted to say that we have now appointed Mr Michael Henry as the new Headteacher. Mr Henry is currently the Acting Headteacher at Redbridge Primary School. He is very experienced and will be a great asset to the school when he joins it in September. I know he is very much looking forward to coming to Barley Lane and leading the school to greater successes.

In the meantime, the current leadership arrangements will continue as now, with Mrs Webb remaining as Executive Headteacher until the end of term in July.

The Governors are grateful to Mrs Webb and the two Associate Headteachers, Mrs Ballantyne and Mrs Knight, for ensuring the school continues to run smoothly.

David Backhouse  
**Interim Chair of Governors**  
**National Leader of Governance**

### WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY— WEAR YOUR WACKY SOCKS!



World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. We celebrate the day to help raise awareness of what Down syndrome is, what it means to have Down syndrome, and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities.

To celebrate the day, we will be wearing brightly coloured socks, long socks, odd socks, printed socks, 1 sock... even 3 socks for 3 chromosomes. Please send your children in their wacky socks on **Wednesday 21st March!**

### WORKSHOP PAYMENT REMINDER

We have had several workshops recently and have sent reminders regarding payment. Unfortunately many parents have still not paid. These workshops form an important part of the children's education, but unfortunately we will not be able to offer these extra curricular activities if we cannot cover the costs for these in future. We would ask that if you have an outstanding balance, that you clear this as soon as possible. Thank you.



## CLASS ASSEMBLY

5L will be having their class assembly on Thursday 29th March at 9am. Parents are very welcome to attend—please make sure you are on time, as latecomers will not be admitted.

## COLCHESTER ZOO TRIP—YEAR 1



A reminder that permission slips for the trip to Colchester Zoo on Wednesday 21st March must be returned by Monday 19th March 2018. The cost of this trip is £17.50, and we will be travelling to the zoo by coach, leaving by 9.15am and returning to school at the normal time of 3.30pm. If there are significant delays we will notify you. Your child will need a packed and must wear uniform on the day.

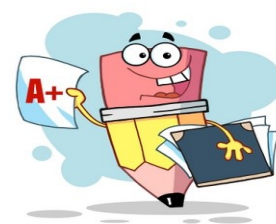
## 11+ INFORMATION FOR YEAR 5

The 11 plus exam for 2019 entrance will be held on Saturday 15 September 2018.

Registration will open on **1 May and will close at 5pm on 27 June 2018** – this is a strict deadline.

For further information please access -

<https://redbridge.gov.uk/schools/redbridge-11-plus/>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—SCHOOL CLOSURES

The school will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 16th April - Inset Day

Thursday 3rd May - Polling Day

## SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

The children have had great fun during Science Week, with activities and competitions that encourage them to think about and investigate the world around us. We hope that you can join us for the Family Competition on Thursday 22 March at 3.30pm in the junior hall. There will be a selection of great prizes for the winners! Entry to this event will cost £2 per family. Please pay this via your ParentPay account.



## ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for last week was:

97.04%

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance were:

Early Years Foundation Stage : Yellow Class 99%

KS1 : 1Q 98% 2W 98%

KS2 : 3S 100% 5M 100%

