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Newsletter Week Ending 3 November 2017

There have been some amendments to the original Newsletter, please use this copy as the latest version, for up to date information.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

I just wanted to give you an update on the work I have been doing at Barley Lane so far. I have been doing a lot behind the scenes and therefore you won't have seen me around school in the playground as much as I would have liked. However, rest assured that you actually have two heads instead of one in school, Mrs Knight and Mrs Ballantyne who are doing a brilliant job, ably assisted by three assistant heads, Mrs Pierson, Mrs Rogers and Mrs Bansal. I do understand that it is a model of headship that is very different from the traditional model of one head and one or two deputies that you have all been used to but many schools are in the same position. I do think that three heads working together to improve the school is just as good as having one head if not better.

That said, I am very keen for the school to run in a smart and efficient way so that we can concentrate on the teaching and learning which is the core business of the school. Currently there is an in-depth audit of reading being carried out across the whole school and the findings from that will inform future work which will lead to improving the standards in reading. Once that is completed we will move on to writing. The School Development Plan is in its final stages of completion and that will be published to you shortly so that you can see the priorities that we will be working on. There have been some changes made to the children's experiences in the lunchroom and that has helped the service to run more smoothly. Year group leaders and key staff are making links with the staff at Grove to share good practice and the SENCO at Grove has already visited Barley Lane to look at some of the excellent provision that is being offered for children with special needs. Finally, I am in the middle of a piece of work with the office staff to redefine roles and responsibilities and you will notice some changes there. I continue to be impressed with the willingness of the staff to work with me and the friendliness of your children who are a joy. There is a real community feel about Barley Lane which has been particularly highlighted to me with the work that has gone into tomorrow's fireworks spectacular by the Barley Lane Friends Association and Mr Boddy.

I will be at the fireworks display tomorrow which I am very much looking forward to so please come and say hello if you see me.

Mrs Webb

Executive Headteacher



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FIREWORK EVENT

We hope to see you all this **Saturday 4th November** at our 21st Firework Extravaganza. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children on the gate. Gates will open at 6pm with the display starting at 7.30pm. Neons and refreshments will be on sale too.

See you there!



ANTI BULLYING WEEK/CHILDREN IN NEED

With anti-bullying week beginning on the **13th November** and Children in Need on **Friday 17th November**, we are on a whole school mission to make an already exceptionally kind school, **even** better. As a school, we will be emphasising the importance of taking action against bullying and promoting the act of kindness. Please talk to your children about bullying and that if they see it happening they should let someone know.

To encourage the idea that we are all different but equal, we are holding a themed non uniform day on **Friday 17th November**. All children are asked to wear a range of colours and patterns to represent their individuality. We would be extremely grateful if you could give a donation of £2 on this day. Your donation will be split between two charities: NSPCC and Children in Need. These are two charities that support children who may have been bullied. This donation can be given via ParentPay or by cash to your child's teacher on the day. We look forward to seeing your child's outfit!

NSPCC



The Anti-bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.

LOST PROPERTY/ SECONDHAND UNIFORM

We have lots of lost property again. If your child has an item of clothing missing please come and have a look for it next Tuesday before school in the Junior Playground outside the tech room. Any lost property left will be disposed of. There will also be an opportunity to purchase secondhand uniform for minimal cost, so come and get a bargain!



POPPY APPEAL



We will be selling poppies for the British Legion Poppy Appeal, from next week. Children will have an opportunity to buy them during the school day, a minimum donation of 50p would be appreciated.



REDBRIDGE FOODBANK –THANK YOU

We have received a letter from the Redbridge Foodbank;

Dear Friends

I am writing to thank all the staff and pupils at the school for their Harvest gifts to Foodbank that weighed in at 324.15kg, and the cash gift that was enclosed. A truly magnificent effort!

With our grateful thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Peter Gee

Trustee & Treasurer



SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE—CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-6

The NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. We are pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme on **Thursday 23rd November 2017.** This is a nationwide programme for every primary school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly and workshop to the children in our school.



Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. If you would like any more information about the NSPCC **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools. If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



The school photographer will be coming into school on Tuesday 7th November to take photographs of individual children and their siblings. Please note we are unable to include siblings that do not attend the school. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on the day.

CLASSROOM DISRUPTIONS

Could we please ask parents and carers not to disrupt the children through the windows when they are learning in their classrooms. It is very difficult for teachers to deliver the lesson when parents are waving to their children and trying to attract their attention. Thank you for your co-operation.

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for last week was: 95.16%

Best Class Attendance

Foundation & KS1: 1N 99.66%

