



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

Newsletter Week Ending 29 September 2017

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Congratulations and well done to you for embracing the new arrangements for the start of the school day. We have reduced the number of children arriving after the school bell from 82 at the end of last week to 13 today. Children have enjoyed a more relaxing start to the day and teachers have said that the children settle quickly and are ready to start learning at 8.55. We have had an enormous amount of positive feedback from parents, but need to clarify timings:

8.40: all gates open.

8.45: doors open for children to come into school building.

9.00 Junior playground gate on Barley Lane and Eccleston gate to be locked. This allows time for parents to leave the playground. Any children arriving after this time need to go through the main school office, as they are late.

Huxley gate and Reception gates to be locked when all parents have left the playground.

Barley Lane Nursery gate locks automatically at 9.10.

Please avoid crowding around on the pavement, especially near the bus stop on Barley Lane as this could become a serious Health and safety concern. If you need to see your child's class teacher they are available at the end of the school day. Any messages can be passed on by staff on the doors.

We wish you a restful and pleasant weekend.

SAFEGUARDING REMINDER FOR PARENTS

It is the duty of all staff to report any concerns they have about the safety and welfare of any child to the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Advice will be taken from the Child Protection Advisory Team and a referral will be made where there are serious concerns. The school has a duty to refer information but are not investigators. Records will be kept and will be monitored if they are not referred. Please remember, while every effort will be made to inform parents of a referral to the Child Protection Advisory Team, the safety and welfare of the child will always be overriding consideration and parents may not be informed. Please see our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy for full details.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding Harvest assemblies on Wednesday 11th October. The donations will be given to the Redbridge Foodbank, which provides nutritionally balanced emergency food to people in crisis, who have nowhere else to turn.



Suggested items that could be donated include food items from the shopping list:

Tinned meat · Tinned fish · Tinned tomatoes · Tinned rice pudding · Tinned fruit · Milk (UHT or powdered) · Fruit juice (long life carton) · Pasta sauces · Instant mash potato · Tinned sponge pudding · Deodorants · Shower/Bath Gel/Soap

Please bring your donations to school from next week. Your child can take them to class and then they can be taken to the Technology room where food items will be collected. Please do not send fresh items in to school.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS

We would like to inform parents/carers that there will no longer be a minimum payment requirement of £11.00 for school dinners. This will come into effect from Monday 2nd October.

You will now be able to pay for dinners on a daily basis of £2.20 per meal, however please ensure payments are made in advance. It is your responsibility to ensure the account remains in credit at all times. We would like to offer this flexibility to help those families whose children only have dinners a few days in the week. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY



This week the children of Barley Lane have been celebrating National Poetry Day and the theme was 'Freedom'. All year groups have read, performed and written poems.

Some exciting news is that Barley Lane now has its first ever poet laureate –Disha from 6R. Her poem on the theme of freedom was chosen from other Year 6 entrants. This will be available to view on the school's website. She now has the job of writing poetry for the school's special occasions.

FAMILY LEARNING

We still have spaces on our Family Learning course, Family Fortunes, starting on Wednesday 4th October 9-11am. The course is for parents and carers who would like some ideas on how to manage their budget, and get some money saving ideas. Family Learning Courses are fun, free and a great way to learn something different and meet other parents.



If you would like to book your place please speak to Sandra Applegate at the School Office.

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Parents please ensure that your child has all their necessary equipment with them at the start of the school day. Parents should not be coming into the school office to drop off packed lunches, homework, PE kits and any other forgotten items. We will no longer be accepting clothes for children during the school day for "non uniform" days. To avoid upset to your children please read any future newsletters and ensure these dates are in your diaries.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



A reminder that our Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Tuesday, 3rd October at 9am. Please join us for refreshments and help us to raise as much money as we can for charity. Cake donations are very welcome. The event will be in the tech room, entrance is in the junior playground- look out for the balloons and banners!



INFORMATION FOR NURSERY

To help the children recognise and learn the names of different colours we will be exploring a new colour each week. To help with this we would like you to find an item at home of that colour and bring it into Nursery. We will encourage your child to talk about it and display it on our colour table.

Week 1	2 October	Red Week
Week 2	9 October	Yellow Week
Week 3	16 October	Blue Week
Week 4	30 October	Green Week
Week 5	6 November	Orange Week
Week 6	13 November	Purple Week
Week 7	20 November	Pink Week
Week 8	27 November	Black Week
Week 9	4 December	Brown Week
Week 10	11 December	Grey Week
Week 11	18 December	White Week



If your child does not bring any item from home in the morning, please do not send the item to the school during the day. You can always bring the item on the following day. Thank you for your co-operation.

If you have any questions, please ask the Nursery Teachers, Ms Taylor or Mrs Mander. Please ensure your child's name is written on their items.

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for last week was: **95.6%**

Best Class Attendance

Foundation & KS1: **2D 100%**

KS2: **5H 99.33%**

