



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

## Newsletter Week Ending 8 September 2017

### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER



I am delighted to finally start working at Barley Lane as the Executive Headteacher. Everyone has been so supportive and friendly and I couldn't have wished for a better start. I have spent my time this week getting to know as many people as possible and getting to know the school systems. I met all the children when I held assemblies on Wednesday and I am starting to get to know some of you when I have been out in the playground in the morning or the afternoon. It is so lovely to walk down the corridors and be greeted with 'hello Mrs Webb' from many of the children. Please come and talk to me and get to know me when you see me in the playground.

I know that some of you are feeling nervous about having a 'part-time' head, but let me reassure you that the school is in good hands with Mrs Knight and Mrs Ballantyne, the Associate Headteachers, running the school in my absence. Together we will be working with all the staff to continue developing Barley Lane into an Outstanding school.

In terms of the recruitment of a new headteacher, the governors will be working hard this month to find the best possible candidate. They have until the end of September to make an appointment for January 2018 so we will keep you informed once we are clear about the situation.

One of the first initiatives that I have introduced is this weekly newsletter. I hope you will appreciate the weekly communication and from now on, all information other than the letters that need permission slips will come out on a Friday on this newsletter. After half term we will be going paperless wherever possible so it is vitally important that you provide the school with your email address.

Have a happy autumn half term everyone.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**PUNCTUALITY** - to get the best learning your child should arrive at school on time ready for the bell at 8.55am. If your child is late, after 9.00am, they should come through the School Office so they can be registered. All school gates are locked at 9.00am.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE



In this section in future Newsletters, we will be showing the attendance for each class for the previous week. We will also give a special mention to the class in Foundation and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 that have the highest attendance percentage. So it is important that your child attends school regularly.



### CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have your correct contact details in the event of an emergency. If you change your phone numbers or address, please inform us immediately by completing a Change Details Form, which are available from the school office.

We hope to start sending correspondence home by email; if you have not already given us your email address, please do so as soon as possible.

## PE INFORMATION

It is mandatory that children receive Physical Education lessons throughout Primary School. Your child should have their PE Kit available in school at all times. Your child must have the correct PE KIT as stated in the Uniform Policy and all clothing must be clearly labelled with their name. Please see the following information as to which days your child's class has PE. All children have indoor and outdoor PE and this is also shown below.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Outdoor PE</b>	<b>Indoor PE</b>
Reception	Tuesday	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Year 1	Thursday	Monday and Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Thursday	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Monday	Monday (Swimming for this term)
Year 6	Wednesday	Tuesday and Thursday



## HOMEWORK

Class teachers will provide homework for the children each week. Most homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned the following week. Your Class Teacher will inform you when the work should be returned to school. Spellings are generally given out on a Friday and the test will take place the following week, usually on a Wednesday or Thursday; again, the Class Teacher will let you know.

Completing homework will help your child to consolidate learning. Please support your child with their homework.

Children will also be given reading books and a reading record (where appropriate) to take home and will have an opportunity to change them throughout the week. Reading daily will help improve your child's reading skills. Where appropriate, the reading record phonics log has a range of Phonics that your child should practise. Please ensure your child has their current reading book and reading record in school every day.

## CLUBS AND FOOTBALL TRIALS

Most after school clubs start next week and letters will be sent home by today. If you want to see the range of clubs available, please look on the website.

Football Trials for Year 6 only will take place on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 3.45pm until 4.30pm, a letter was sent home earlier this week with a permission slip for you to complete if you would like your child to attend.

Unless stated otherwise, all clubs are for boys and girls.

## SAVE THE DATE

Parent's Evening is due to take place on Wednesday 11 October 2017 after school. Further details will be given out nearer the time.

## SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be paid for in advance. It is important that your child's ParentPay is in credit. Cash is no longer accepted in school. Should you have any queries regarding your school dinners or ParentPay, please contact the school office.



***Have a relaxing weekend!***