



Barley Lane Newsletter

14th September 2018 - Issue 2

"Believe in yourself, learn together, persevere and succeed"

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our Nursery and Reception children who have joined our school this week. We would also like to welcome the following children who have joined our school over the last two weeks.

Y1 Muhammad
Y1 Emillija
Y2 Masuma
Y2 Dhyey
Y4 Safiya
Y6 Advitya
Y6 Zerín



We are delighted that the children have settled in extremely well and would like to thank the parents for their support over the last two weeks.

Meet the Teachers

We would like to welcome parents to meet their children's year group teams and members of the leadership team. It will be an informal session, where the team will discuss the year's curriculum and give guidance on how best to support your child at home. Their progress at school is so much better when we work together.

The meetings will be held in the Junior Hall from **3.00 – 3.20** on the dates below:

Reception Tuesday 9th October
Year 1 Monday 1st October
Year 2 Wednesday 26th September
Year 3 Thursday 27th September
Year 4 Wednesday 3rd October
Year 5 Tuesday 25th September

Year 6 information will be on **Monday 1st October at 6pm** with an additional focus on application to secondary school.

If you are unable to make the meeting, further information will be made available on the school's website in 'Parents' later this month.

'Favourites Day' Lunch

There will be a special menu on Thursday 4th October, for children in all year groups. This lunch will be free for all children in all year groups. Further menu details will be available nearer the time.

Selection Tests – Year 6

If you have applied for your child to sit a selection test for a secondary school in another borough you must notify Mrs Kennedy in the school office in advance providing a copy of the invitation letter confirming your child's attendance.

Your child should still attend the morning session prior to taking the test if it is an afternoon test and where possible return to school in the afternoon if the test is taking place in the morning. Children should not be absent from school to study for these or the Redbridge 11+ test.

It may not be possible to authorise all selection test requests.

Bikeability - Year 6 children

Bikeability for year 6 children starts on Monday. If your child is using their own bike and helmet please leave it in the quad before school. Please make sure your child has the following:

- * A non fizzy drink
- * Waterproof jacket/ gloves
- * Appropriate footwear



Harvest Festival

We will be collecting donations for Redbridge Foodbank again this year, who provide emergency food to people in crisis. We will be accepting donations from **Wednesday 19th September** ready for our Harvest Festival Assemblies on Thursday 27th September.

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

Tinned meat	Milk (UHT or powdered)
Tinned fish	Fruit juice (long life carton)
Tinned tomatoes	Pasta sauces
Tinned rice pudding	Instant mash potato
Tinned fruit	Tinned sponge pudding
Deodorant	Shower/bath gel/soap



Please bring your donations to school from next week, your child can take them to class and they can then be taken to the technology room. Please do not send fresh items into school.

Clubs

Football club is now full and children who are on the waiting list will be able to attend after the half term. We have spaces for:

Zumba Y3 - Y6 Tuesday

Basketball Club Y3 - Y6 Tuesday

Please contact the office for details.

Sew together course

The Sew Together course will be starting next Tuesday, 18th September for those parents and children that have booked a place. The course will take place after school in Room 16 which is Mr Assad's class.

Please note, parents must stay with their children.



Absence/Punctuality

Absence: If a child is absent before or after a school holiday we must see evidence for the absence. This may be medical evidence if a child is unwell, or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control. We cannot authorise any absences before or after a holiday without this evidence and parents risk being issued with a penalty notice.

Punctuality: Thank you for ensuring that your children arrive at school on time. We introduced a 'soft start' to the day to alleviate traffic pressure and allow a ten-minute window during which you can drop your child off. However, there are a small number of children arriving late into school. Please do your best to get your child into school on time. Doors open at 8.45am to welcome children into their classes. If a child arrives after 8.55a.m. they will be considered late and must be signed in through the school office. Parents are at risk of being issued with a penalty notice if their child continues to arrive late into school.

ESOL English Classes

Assessments for the ESOL English classes will be held on Monday 24th September 9.15-11.15am. The course runs for 15 weeks and is for parents and carers who would like to improve their English to Level Entry 2 standard. If you would like to join our ESOL class please come and enrol bringing with you the following documents:

Proof of residency in the UK for 3 years.

Proof of any benefits you receive

Proof of address

£15 course fee (15 weeks)

If you need any further information please see Mrs Applegate at the school office.

