



Barley Lane Newsletter

7th September 2018 - Issue 1

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

Dear parents and carers

I hope you had a wonderful summer and would like to extend you a warm welcome back to the new academic year at Barley Lane Primary School. The children have settled back extremely well and are very positive about the new school year.



It is an honour and a privilege to take the role of headteacher at Barley Lane and I am very much looking forward to leading the school on the next step of its exciting journey. I would like to thank Mrs Webb for the fantastic work she carried out last year as executive headteacher. Thanks also Mrs Ballantyne and Mrs Knight for their commitment and dedication in leading the school on a day to day basis as associate headteachers. I look forward to working with them both, alongside the governing body and wider community, to ensure that your children get the very best. They deserve nothing less!

Thank you to the school community for the warm welcome I have received this week. I have enjoyed meeting many of you in the playground and look forward to getting to know your children over the coming weeks and months.

Best wishes to all for a successful school year.

Mr Henry

Staffing

Welcome to our three new teachers.
We are lucky to have them on board!

Miss T Akhtar (4A)
Mrs M Mannan (2M)
Mr J Sparham (Red)

Munchies

Munchies is available for children in Years 1-6 every break time. There are a range of healthy snacks available including yoghurt, fruit, bread and drinks. Each item costs 20p –it would be very helpful if you could give them the correct change, and we would ask that you do not give your child more than 40p per day.



Bikeability - Year 6 children

We have some exciting cycling activities for year 6 children coming up! Next Tuesday Dr Bike will be coming into school to give the children's bikes a service and make sure they are road ready for Bikeability starting the following week. Please leave your child's bikes in the quad at the beginning of the school day and collect them at home time.

Bikeability is a training programme for children to develop their cycling skills and learn road awareness, learning to ride their bikes safely both in the playground and on the local roads. which is particularly important as they become more independent. Please return the permission slip by Monday if your child would like to take part.

Year 6 Transition

Year 6 parents please note that applications for your child's Secondary school place need to be submitted on line by 31st October, 2018.

All Redbridge secondary schools hold an open evening for you to visit the school. Please try to visit as many schools as possible to inform your decision about what is best for your child. Dates to note:

Thursday 13 th September	5pm – 7.30 pm	King Solomon High School
Tuesday 18 th September	5pm – 8pm	The Forest Academy
Thursday 20 th September	6pm – 9pm	Atam Academy
	6pm – 8.30pm	Valentines High School
	6pm – 9pm	Woodbridge High School
Tuesday 25 th September	4pm – 6.30pm	Beal High School
Wednesday 26 th September	6pm – 8pm	Seven Kings School
	6.30 – 9.30pm	The Palmer Catholic Academy
Thursday 27 th September	6.30pm	Mayfield School
	6pm – 8pm	Wanstead High School
Tuesday 2 nd October	6pm – 8pm	Isaac Newton Academy
Wednesday 3 rd October	7pm – 9pm	Chadwell Heath Academy
	6pm	Trinity Catholic High School
Thursday 4 th October	5.30pm – 8pm	Oaks Park High School
	6pm	Loxford School Trust
Wednesday 10 th October	6pm – 8pm	The Ursuline Academy Ilford
Thursday 11 th October	6.45pm – 9pm	Caterham High School

Further information is available on the school website or Redbridge website:

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/secondary-school-admissions>

The school will be holding an information evening for Year 6 parents on **Monday 1st October at 6pm.**

If you need any assistance with applications, please contact Mrs Kennedy in the school office.

Lost Property

We have lots of lost property from last term, please check in the tech room before or after school if you have lost something. Please label all uniform/bags with your child's name and class.

Dates for your diary

A few dates for your diary. More details will follow soon.

2nd October	MacMillan Coffee Morning with Mr Henry
17th October	Parents Consultation Evening
6th November	School Photographer

PE/ Swimming Lessons

Please ensure your child has their kit in school by Monday 10th September ready to start PE lessons next week.

Year 5 will start swimming lessons on Monday and will need a swimming costume hat and towel. The lessons will continue until the end of the Autumn term.



Term Dates

HALF TERM Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October 2018

TERM STARTS Monday 29 October 2018

END OF TERM Friday 21 December 2018

SPRING TERM 2019

Staff Training (INSET) Monday 7 January 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED

START OF TERM Tuesday 8 January 2019

HALF TERM Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019

TERM STARTS Monday 25 February 2019

END OF TERM Friday 5 April 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

START OF TERM Tuesday 23 April 2019

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 6 May 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED

HALF TERM Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019

TERM STARTS Monday 3 June 2019

END OF TERM Friday 19 July 2019

Staff Training (INSET) Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED

Online Safety

We are aware that many children are playing the online game Fortnite and some have set up Facebook accounts during the holidays. Please be aware that Fortnite has an age rating of PEGI 12 and Facebook has an age rating of 13, so are therefore not suitable for younger children. We have a duty to contact the parents of any child who informs us that they are using these applications, in order to increase awareness and offer support.

Please pay close attention to the age ratings on games, social media apps and films to make sure they are suitable for your child. If you do not allow your child to watch a 12,15 certificate film, you should not let them play a game with the same rating. If your child has older siblings or cousins, be aware they may see content which is inappropriate for their age.



Family Sewing Course

We have a free Family Learning sewing course coming up for parents & children.



The course will run for 5 weeks 3.30-5pm and is a fun way to learn with your child and meet other parents.

If you would like to book a place, please return the slip attached to the letter coming out soon, or speak to Mrs Applegate at the School Office.