



Barley Lane Newsletter

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“Believe in yourself, learn together, persevere and succeed”

Dear Parents and Carers

Our first term of the academic year is drawing to a close. Our staff have been reflecting on our successes this term, of which there have been many. The children have settled into their new year groups very well and are making good progress. We have been lucky to experience many visits and visitors this term, and the past few weeks we have been showcasing our talents through nativities, performances and sports events.



It has been wonderful getting to know the children and wider community this term and I thank you for your encouragement. We are very lucky to have such a supportive and dedicated community of parents, carers and staff. We say goodbye to Mr Kahsai today, who has worked with us for a number of years both as a teaching assistant and more recently class teacher in 6K. We wish him all the very best in the future.

I hope you have a peaceful and restful break and we look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 8th January.

Mr Henry

Christian Education Project Christmas Assemblies



Year 1 enjoyed an annual Christmas assembly by the **Christian Education Project**. Helen Mullis-Kunda from the project visited us to share the nativity story. In addition to this she also shared a short, thought-provoking video clip reminding us to be more thankful for necessities such as warmth, clean water and family which we can sometimes take for granted. Thank you to Mrs Hamid, our RE leader, for organizing the visits. We look forward to her visiting again in the new year.

Christmas

By Inayah 6C

*'Tis that time of year when we all forget our fears,
For 'tis the season we all are jolly, no exception for race,
colour
Religion or those with folly,
Celebrations are aplenty, by the end of the day all tables are
empty,
Yet I wait and wait while tears of joy run down my face,
Counting down the hours till I embrace.....all my surprises,
All of my presents 'tis Christmas,
Oh Merry Merry Christmas*



Nativities

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 performed the Nativity story to teachers, friends and family. They all did an amazing job and each performance was unique to each class. The children remembered the songs and lines which is a big achievement at such a young age. Everyone has the festive spirit and it helped us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Christmas Events



We have all had a lovely week this week with several events including Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day, recorder and choir performances and class parties. Everyone has had lots of fun and we are all now ready for the holidays!



School Meal Increase

A reminder that as of 8th January 2019 the cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.25 per day for children in KS2. Please ensure all accounts are paid and up to date.

Spring Dates for your Diary

January

7th	School closed for INSET
8th	Spring Term begins for children
28th	Holocaust Memorial Day
28th-1st	Maths Week

February

1st	Number Day (non-uniform)
4th-8th	Children's Mental Health Week
5th	Safer Internet Day
7th	Year 4 National Gallery Visit
18th-22nd	Half Term

March

5th-6th	Year 3 British Museum Visits
7th	World Book Day (non-uniform)
11th-15th	Science Week
14th	Parent Consultation 2-7pm <i>(children finish school at 1:45)</i>



April

5th	Last Day of Spring Term
23rd	Summer Term begins

Dates are subject to change



Recorder and Choir Performance

We started our performance with Recorder Club performing 'Melody' by students who joined this year. Wiktoria from 5J played a recorder solo and was joined by the rest of the club playing 'Amazing Grace' They finished by playing 'Jingle Bells' all together with some percussion instruments.

Choir sang 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and parents joined in too.

Everyone had a fantastic time!



Parent Governor Election

Many congratulations and a warm welcome to Sana Malik who joins our Governing Body as Parent Governor from January 2019.

Reading Lists

If your child would like to do some holiday reading and is looking for some new titles, please find [reading lists](#) for children in KS1 and



Christmas Jubilance

By Adam 6C

'Christmas has begun!', 'It has started!'

These are the facts which spread contentment throughout the entire street,

Making people more ecstatic, making them more elated,

This was an example of Christmas Jubilance!

Busy days, which surround the Christmas calendar, finally came to an end,

It signalled the pleasure of the public to begin,

It made Santa commence his immense journey around the world,

So he could attempt to make the world a better place forever.....

Gradually, adults instructed their children to go to sleep after an abundance of traditional Christmas movies,

And stated it was 'too late'

Merrily, they visited their beds,

But were entrapped in a comfortable slumber.

Stealthily, Santa landed on the roof,

Then slipped down the chimney, into the living room,

Where he discovered two great cookies,

Along with an ornate Christmas trees!

As he positioned the presents under the tree,

He grinned to himself and under his breath he said,

'Children who are good shall stay good forever....'

Christmas is a time for joy,

It shall bring happiness to the heart,

But it is also a time of sharing;

It is Christmas Jubilance!



Attendance

Whole school - 94.73%
KS1 - 2B- 99%



Church Visit - Reception

The children in Reception were very excited to go on their first church visit. They enjoyed seeing the church, listening to the nativity and most of all eating the biscuits and drinking the juice! The staff at the church were very welcoming and the children learnt a lot about the Christian faith. A big thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help.



Absences after the Holidays

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