



Barley Lane Newsletter

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

Christmas Parties

We have our class Christmas parties to look forward to next week! KS1 and KS2 children must wear their uniform on the day and bring their party clothes with them in a separate bag.

Mon 17th:

Year 4 - Bring party clothes and some food to share

Tues 18th:

Nursery - Come wearing party clothes and bring a small packed lunch.

Year 6 - Bring party clothes and some food to share

Wed 19th:

Reception - Come wearing party clothes and bring a small packed lunch.

Year 1 & 5: Bring party clothes and some food to share

Thurs 20th:

Year 2 & 3 : Please bring party clothes and food to share.

Please bring just a small amount of food. No hot food or food with nuts please and wear sensible shoes!

Please make sure your child brings everything with them in the morning as we are unable to accept food and clothes at the office during the school day.



St Paul's Church Heritage Project

We are delighted to feature in this week's [Ilford Recorder](#) with news of an exciting project which some of our key stage 2 children will be involved in next term. Watch this space!

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Goodmayes church wins £10k to restore war memorial and uncover lost stories of fallen soldiers

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St Paul's Goodmayes, in Barley Lane, has been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for a project called "the men and women of this parish who served in the great wars".

It will see the restoration of the church's outdoors war memorial as well as setting up a community history project bringing together older residents, pupils from Barley Lane Primary School, scouts from the 4th Goodmayes Scout Groups, Barleymont afterschool club and the Royal British Legion.

"We are really pleased to have been awarded this grant," the parish's Rev Janet Buchan told the *Recorder*.

"Restoring the war memorial, and replacing the rather unattractive fence behind it, will greatly enhance its appearance."

The memorial stands outside the church in a small grass enclave adjoining the churchyard.

Stone steps lead to a plinth and cross with a Celtic knot at its centre.

Inside the church, the names of 54 "men of the parish and friends" who died in the First World War are also inscribed on a brass plaque set in an ornately-carved wooden mount.

"We don't yet know anything about these men," Rev Buchan added.

"That is what this project is all about - finding out what we can."

The detective work will involve collecting and recording the memories of Goodmayes residents who experienced the Second World War or had stories passed onto them from the First World War.

She added that part the findings will be displayed at an exhibition which is likely to open in summer next year.

"It will also provide an opportunity for some of the young people in our parish to have contact with some of the older people," she added.

"It will help to develop inter-generational understanding and preserve important memories."

Barley Lane Primary headteacher Michael Henry said that the school is looking forward to being involved in the project.

He said: "Real life experiences and links to local history are so vital for our children; this opportunity to develop their skills as researchers and historians whilst creating something tangible for the community to experience is a very special one."

Family Learning Courses



We have 2 new free courses for parents coming up in the New Year, in partnership with Redbridge Institute.

Keeping Up With The Children – Maths starting Friday 11th January

This course is for parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 1. The course runs for 12 weeks starting Friday 11th January 9 am-12pm and parents will learn how to support their children with maths. Children will also have an opportunity to join in the sessions and take part in small group activities.

Money Matters

starting Friday 18th January 9.30-11.30am



This course is for all parents and carers who would like to learn strategies to manage their money more efficiently. Also get tips on how to save money, and making your money go further.

Both courses are free and will be held at school. To sign up please return the slip on the letter sent home this week.

Parent Governor Elections

Please note that the closing date for parent governor nominations is **Monday 17th December 9.30am**. Nomination forms should be placed in the ballot box in the school office reception area.

Spring Parent Consultations: Early Finish

Please note that children will be finishing school on **March 14th at 1:45pm** as our Spring Parent Consultations will run from 2-7 pm. We request that parents make the necessary childcare arrangements in advance.

Dates for your Diary

December

17th	Yellow Class Nativity 9:30 am Blue Class Nativity 2:45 pm
18th	Christmas Jumper Day Red Class Nativity 9:30 am Green Class Nativity 2:45 pm Children's Christmas lunch
20th	Nursery nativities 11a.m./2:45p.m.
21st	Last day of term



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



Manhattan School of Music



This week Barley Lane choir had a great opportunity to sing in front of experts from Manhattan School of Music in New York via video conference. The choir sang a number of Christmas carols. Children received excellent feedback from the experts and really enjoyed the whole experience.



PA Discos

Thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association for organising two successful disco evenings this week. The children had a wonderful time! We are aware that some queries arose regarding those arriving early, who had to wait outside once their children had got changed. These arrangements were made in the interests of safeguarding and health & safety. However, we will review the system prior to the next event and thank you for your patience and understanding. Thanks again to our PA for their dedication and commitment.



Computing and Coding in the Real World

This week year 6 pupils had a chance to speak to an expert in coding and networking. Tim Russell from Vodafone talked about how coding and computing impact on our daily lives and why is coding important to learn. Tim also shared with children details about the next generation of networks and why and how they have been designed. The children really enjoyed the session and asked many questions.



Lost property



The uniform shop is now closed for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 15th January 9-10am. However, all lost property will be in the junior playground near the tech room next Tuesday 18th at 9am, so if your child has lost uniform or other items this term please come and have a look. Anything left over after Tuesday will be disposed of.



Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday

The children will be having Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 18th December**. To get everyone in a festive mood we would like the children to wear their Christmas jumper on that day. The menu for the Christmas lunch can be found on the [website](#).

