



# Barley Lane Newsletter

7th December 2018 - Issue 13

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

Barley Lane Primary School  
Friends' Association  
**THE CHRISTMAS DISCO**

**Reception**  
Tuesday  
11th December 2018  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Price: £3.50

**Years 1 & 2**  
Thursday  
13th December 2018  
4:00pm - 5:30pm  
Price: £3.50

**Years 3 & 4**  
Tuesday  
11th December 2018  
5:30pm - 7:00pm  
Price: £4.00

**Years 5 & 6**  
Thursday  
13th December 2018  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Price: £4.00

Food Included in ticket price:  
Pizza, Fruit, Juice  
Available to buy at the Disco  
Neons from £2  
Cakes and Popcorn (All Years)  
at the end to take home 30p

## Football Match at Woodlands

Our Year 6 football team had a cup match at Woodlands School this week. It was a great match, with the score at full time 1-1. This resulted in a penalty shoot out, which we unfortunately lost. The team played really well and we look forward to arranging our next fixture.



## Student Alliance Meeting

This week, two Year 5 pupils visited Seven Kings High school with Mrs Knight and Mr Henry to participate in a student alliance meeting. Zara and Harry worked with primary and secondary students from four London boroughs to discuss school involvement in the local community.

*"It was an inspiring experience. I am looking forward to our next meeting in Spring Term to see what other schools did for our project"* Zara 5J

## Year 3-4 Video Conference: Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation



On Monday, pupils from year 3 and 4 had a unique opportunity to speak to scientists from Borneo Orangutans Survival Foundation. The session was about orangutans and the impact humans have on their environment. Children learned ways to help protect them from extinction and has chance to ask questions.



## Phonics Workshops

Thank you to all our Early Years parents who came to the Phonics Workshops this week. They were very well attended and the sessions were very successful. We hope that the parents found them useful and are able to use some of the ideas at home.



## Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch for the children will be on Tuesday 18th December. The menu can be found on the school website soon, normal charges will apply. We would also like to remind you that the cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.25 per day for children in KS2 as of January 8th.



## Parent Governor Elections

Parents and carers will have already received a letter and an email regarding the 2 parent governor vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please note the closing date for nominations is Monday 17th December at 9.30am. Please put your completed nomination form in the ballot box in the school office reception area.

## Dates for your Diary

### December

11th	PA Disco Reception - 4-5pm, Year 3 & 4 - 5.30-7pm
12th	Recorder & Choir Performance 12.40pm
13th	1B & 1CH Nativity 2 p.m. PA Disco Year 1 & 2 - 4 - 5.30pm, Year 5 & 6 - 6- 7.30pm. Reception Church Visit AM
17th	Yellow Class Nativity 9:30 am Blue Class Nativity 2:45 pm
18th	Red Class Nativity 9:30 am Green Class Nativity 2:45 pm Children's Christmas lunch
20th	Nursery nativities 11 a.m. / 2:45 p.m.
21st	Last day of term

### January

7th	School closed for INSET
8th	Spring Term begins for children


## School Improvement

At Barley Lane Primary School, we are determined to do our very best for our pupils. The 2018-19 school improvement programme is underway.

We have received a number of link visits from the Local Authority this term, to work with senior leaders in auditing each phase (EYFS, KS1 and KS2). Through this, action plans have been developed, identifying priorities to ensure that standards of teaching and learning is consistent throughout the school. These audits culminated in our termly visit from the Local Authority, which all LA maintained schools experience. It focused on 'Leadership and Management' and our analysis of assessment data. Our link advisor reports that a *"well-informed School Development Plan is in place, with plans for professional development, actions and deadlines for implementation."* An overview of this plan is available on our [website](#).

### Redbridge Education Partnership

We continue to work with parents and the wider community, particularly colleagues within our locality through the Redbridge Education Partnership and in neighbouring boroughs through the Seven Kings Teaching Alliance. We look forward to moderating Key Stage 2 writing with teaching colleagues from Goodmayes Primary School in January.

A successful Year 1 Language project has taken place this term with three language specialists from Churchfields Language Outreach team, working alongside these specialists has had a positive impact on both staff and children.  Ms Rohim our Year 1 leader has celebrated its *"positive effect on our children's emotional awareness and thinking skills. It has also helped to boost our children's confidence as well as eliminating the fear of getting it wrong."*

We look forward to going from strength to strength in 2019!

## School Performances

We appreciate the support which we have received from parents attending assemblies and performances this term! Next week we have music and nativity performances. Please note that unfortunately we cannot allow parents to enter the hall once performances have begun as this can be very distracting for children. Thank you for your understanding.

## Recorder and Choir Performance

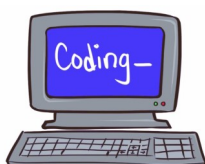
Parents and carers of children who attend recorder club or choir are invited to a short performance on Wednesday 12th December at 12:45 in the KS2 Hall.



Children will be celebrating their hard work during Autumn Term. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Video Conference Year 6 - Coding

Year 6 children will be taking part in a video conference next Monday with Vodafone. The conference will be learning how to use computing & coding in the real world.



## Attendance

Whole school: 93.22%  
KS2 - 6K 98.97%

**A warm welcome to the following children:**

Reception - Sai

