



Barley Lane Newsletter

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



Congratulations Mrs Knight!



Many congratulations to Mrs Knight who has just celebrated her 25th anniversary at Barley Lane.

We would like to thank Mrs Knight for her

dedication and commitment to the school and most importantly the children. Here's to another 25 years!



Reception Place Application

Deadline next Tuesday

The deadline to submit your online application for reception places in 2019-20 is before **11.59pm on Tuesday 15 January 2019**.

The e-mail outcome of your application is: **Tuesday 16 April 2019**

Please click on the [link](#) for more details.

Parent Consultation

On Thursday 14th March you are invited to a Parents Consultation from 2pm. **Children will finish the school day at 1.45pm on that day**. Appointment bookings will be made in early March.

Non-uniform Days

We have two non-uniform days coming up this term. On **Friday 1st February** we will be dressing up in something shape or number related for maths day, and on **Thursday 7th March** we will be dressing up for World Book Day. We look forward to seeing everyone's outfits!



Community Police Visit



This week we had a visit from the community police team for children in Reception—Year 6. Reception had a presentation about people who help us, while Years 1,2 & 3 had a talk about stranger danger. Years 4, 5 & 6 learnt about the dangers of online activity. Year 5 also had a session about knife crime.

One of the key messages raised in the meeting, particularly for older children, was to pay attention to the age restrictions on games, social media websites and films (especially Netflix). It is important to adhere to these due to the content within the games and films.

It is vitally important that children know how to keep themselves safe on line and with modern technologies. We cannot eliminate all risks through filtering, so we need to equip children with the skills to deal with situations which may arise.



Money Matters Course

We still have spaces on the Money Matters Course starting on Friday 18th January, 9.30-11.30am. The course is free and runs for 5 weeks. This course is for parents and carers who would like tips on how to save money, and how to make your money go further. The course is free and will be held at school. Pick up a form from the school office if you would like to attend.



Next Week's Assembly

Theme : **Wisdom**

Spring Dates for your Diary

January

22nd	Choir visit to Fullwood Primary
28th	Holocaust Memorial Day
28th-1st	Maths Week
29th	Year 2 SATs Parent Meeting 3pm
31st	Young Voices at the O2

February

1st	Number Day (non-uniform)
4th-8th	Children's Mental Health Week
5th	Safer Internet Day
7th	Year 4 National Gallery Visit
8th	Winter Arts Festival
12th	Year 5 Visit to St Pauls Church PM
18th-22nd	Half Term

March

5th-6th	Year 3 British Museum Visits
7th	World Book Day (non-uniform)
8th	Science Workshop KS1
11th-15th	Science Week
12th	Science Workshop KS2
	1R & 1D trip to Colchester Zoo
13th	1B & 1CH trip to Colchester Zoo
14th	Parent Consultation 2-7pm
	<i>(children finish school at 1:45)</i>
21st	World Down Syndrome Day

April

1st - 5th	Autism Awareness Week
5th	Last Day of Spring Term
23rd	Summer Term begins
29th	Year 4 Colchester Zoo trip

Dates are subject to change



Nativity DVD

If you would like to buy a DVD of the Nursery, Reception or Year 1 Nativity performances please make a payment via your child's ParentPay account. Once we have received payment a DVD will be sent home .

Safeguarding Update

We have been made aware of a number of children in Upper Key Stage 2 who have been watching age-inappropriate films on Netflix over the holidays. Please take some time this weekend to ensure that your security settings are reviewed to prevent unsuitable viewing.

Year 2 Writing

The children in year 2 experienced the properties of ice by making structures (igloos) and then experienced the sensation of walking on ice barefoot. This enabled children to generate a first-hand rich vocabulary bank which was later used in their writing.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the lesson where everyone was actively engaged in their learning. The purpose of the lesson was to explore the theme of Winter as our next text will be based heavily around Winter. Well done Year 2!

SATS Information - Year 2

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Year 2 on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 3pm for information about end of KS1 SATS arrangements.

Attendance

Attendance week commencing 17/12/18 -

90%

Parent Governor Vacancy



We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy. If you are interested in becoming a governor, further information and an application form will be emailed out on Monday 14th January.

'Favourites Day' Free Lunch

There will be a special menu which will be **free to all children in every year group** on Thursday 17th January. The menu will be on the school website soon.

