



Barley Lane Newsletter

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

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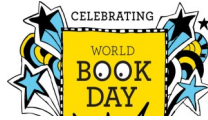
It is important that we have your correct contact details in the event of an emergency. If you change your telephone number or email address, please inform us immediately by completing a Change of Details Form, which is available from the school office.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March** and we will be celebrating with a dress up day! We look forward to seeing the children dressed up as their favourite book character and would ask that they bring in a book to share in class. We will also have a special World Book day lunch, please see the website for the menu.

On **Wednesday 6th March**, Year 5 and 6 children will take part in 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' workshop, while on **Friday 8th March** Year 3 will be 'Creating a story' and Year 4 will participate in 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.

To make payment for your child's workshop please find details on Parentpay.



Reading Books—Reception

Could we please remind parents to bring in their child's reading book every day.

Making time to read with your child can have great educational benefits, but it can also be ten minutes of respite from hectic family life to curl up, read and talk together. Ask questions and discuss vocabulary, but don't be afraid to lose yourselves in a good story too!



Courses for Parents



We have limited spaces on our ESOL English class that runs every Monday 9-12pm. This is for parents and carers who would like to improve their spoken and written English.

We also have a Parenting Course starting Thursday 7th March 1-3pm. This course is a great way to explore new ideas for bringing up your children and meeting other parents.

Please ask at the school office if you would like to join.

Nursery Fun!



We have had an exciting few weeks in Nursery!



The children have been growing their own beanstalks. They have read the stories Jasper and the Beanstalk, and Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have enjoyed learning about how to grow and take care of plants. Before the half term we had a special visit to the nursery, we were visited by Carol from The Methodist Church, who delivered a Godly Play session based on the story of the Good Shepherd. The children listened to the story and participated in various fun activities.



Parking Around The School

Please may we remind families that dropping off and collecting children is the busiest time of the day. Please ensure that you park appropriately and not in the middle of the road, across the residents driveways/dropped kerbs, in disabled bays and especially not on the yellow or zig zag lines. We have received a number of complaints regarding parking on Barley Lane itself, by the nursery gate. Our local Police Community Support Officer has been contacted and a number of traffic monitoring visits have commenced.

Please also be respectful to other road users and pedestrians and use the crossing to keep yourself safe.

Year 4 Habitat Homework

Year 4 children have made some fantastic models for their homework this week. We have seen some brilliant pieces of work showing a variety of habitats, such as the forest and the ocean. Well done everyone!



Next Week's Assembly Theme



Hope

Secondary School Places 2019

Year 6 parents will be sent an email with the result of their application this evening, Friday 1 March. If parents are not offered the school they want, they will be told of the alternative school offered and the website to visit to see how places are offered. The deadline for parents to accept the offer of a place is **Friday 15 March 2019**.

If you have any queries please see Mrs Kennedy or Mrs Knight

Church Visitor



This week in Year 3, we were privileged to have Carol Dawson come in from the Methodist church. Currently we are exploring Christian beliefs and Carol Dawson explored the question of 'Why Jesus is important to Christians?' We discussed Bible stories and thought about the qualities of Jesus and why they were so important. Children were engaged and were encouraged to use a wider level of critical thinking. The children thoroughly enjoyed the RE workshop.

Parents Evening Online Booking

We are trialling a new online booking system for parents. Full details will be emailed to you later today, you will also receive a link via text message and all details will be available on the school website. The [link](https://barleyleane.parentseveningsystem.co.uk) will be live from 5.30pm today:

<https://barleyleane.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

To log in you will need your details, email address and your child's name and date of birth.

Year 1 & 2 CGP Books



We still have some CGP books for year 1 & 2 children available should you wish to purchase one. You will find payment details on Parentpay, when payment is received the book will be sent to class.

Attendance

Attendance week commencing 11/02/19 – **93.32%**

KS1- 1R **99.31%**

KS2 -4F **98.97%**

A warm welcome to the to the following children who have recently joined our school:

Raza & Miruna



Spring Dates for your Diary

March

- 4th Year 5 & 6 Football Match
- 5th-6th Year 3 British Museum Visits
- 6th Year 5-6 World Book Day Workshop
- 7th World Book Day (*non-uniform*)
Hearing & Vision Testing - Reception children
- 8th International Women's Day
KS1 and KS2 Annual Reports home
Year 3-4 World Book Day Workshop
- 11th 3A & 3P trip to Mac Donald's Farm
- 11th-15th Science Week
- 12th 1R & 1D trip to Colchester Zoo
- 13th 1B & 1CH trip to Colchester Zoo
3B & 3S trip to MacDonalds Farm
- 14th Parent Consultation 2-7pm
(*children finish school at 1:45*)
- 21st World Downs Syndrome Day
- 28th Pizza Night (PA event)

April

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

Year 1 Colchester Zoo

Please find details of the up coming Colchester Zoo trip for children in year 1 on our school website or in your emails.



Makaton Signing

Almost everything we do involves communication; everyday tasks such as learning at school, asking for food and drink, sorting out problems, making friends and having fun. These all rely on our ability to communicate with each other.

Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate.



We have introduced Makaton to our school and have requested that all teachers encourage their children to learn the signs through a Makaton sign of the week system. Please have a look on the [school website](#) for the signs we are learning in class this term!