



Barley Lane Newsletter

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

Phonics Workshop Week!

We will be holding Phonics Workshops all next week. The purpose is to ensure that parents are supported in modelling phonics to their children and using accurate phonetic skills to help develop their reading and writing skills further. Each session will take place in classrooms from 8.45-9.10am.

Monday 3rd December	Red Class
Tuesday 4th December	Green Class
Wednesday 5th December	Nursery AM Nursery PM 3pm
Thursday 6th December	Yellow Class
Friday 7th December	Blue Class



Gurdwara Trip

As part of the RE curriculum, this week Year 2 visited the Gurdwara in Goodmayes. The children learnt about the five K's, listened to Sikh stories and enjoyed snacks in the Langar hall.

We were all made to feel very welcome and the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



Music Tuition

We have some spaces for weekly music lessons for Brass, Guitar and Woodwind instruments for children in Years 3-6. Please register your interest in writing to Mrs Warry if your child would like to join.



Digital Parenting Guide



Free internet safety magazine [Digital Parenting](#) features content written by online safety experts on topics related to raising children in the digital age, such as screen time, social media use and gaming. For more information go to the [Parent Zone](#) website.

Football at Farnham Green

Well done to our football team who played an away game against Farnham Green yesterday. It was a very exciting match with lots of goals. The final result was Farnham Green 6 : 5 Barley Lane. Thanks to the parents who accompanied the children to the game and to Mr McCarthy for organising it. We're looking forward to playing Woodlands Primary School next week!



Year 3-4 Video Conference: Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation

Our Year 3 & 4 children will be connecting to the BOS Foundation in Indonesia on Monday 3rd December. We will be speaking to the foundation live in Indonesia about what we can do help this critically endangered species.

Children will gain an understanding of these wonderful animals and the impact humans have on their environment, which supports KS2 Science.



School Meal Increase

As of 8th January 2019 the cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.25 per day for children in KS2. Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of food, our suppliers have had to increase their charges

Dates for your Diary

December

6th	1R & 1D Nativity 2 p.m.
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.
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



Hadleigh Country Park Visit



Our year 4 pupils recently visited Hadleigh Country Park, to extend their learning about The Iron Age.

The day was very hands on and interactive! Children took part in an archaeological dig where they discovered artefacts such as currency bars, ruins from Celtic pots and ancient bones. They also had the opportunity to make their own clay pots, that we will be decorating now that we're back at school! In the afternoon, children went to warrior school and learnt about the way that Celtic warriors dressed and fought. Children experienced what everyday life as a Celt was like by exploring inside the roundhouse. The day ended with children taking part in their own battle using swords, shields and slingshots. It was definitely an enjoyable visit for all!

Parent Governor Elections

We currently have 2 parent governor vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a governor, further information is being sent home today and will also be emailed out to you and available on our school website.

Mandir Trip Year 3

Year 3 children visited the Mandir Hindu Temple this week as part of the RE curriculum. A volunteer gave us a tour of the building ,we listened to stories about Hindu Gods and Goddesses and enjoyed a snack.



We were made to feel very welcome and the children were able to make links with what they have been learning in school.

Attendance

Whole school: 95.04%
EYF - Reception Blue 99.33%
KS1 - 2B 98.67%
KS2 - 3B & 5M 100%



A warm welcome to the following children:

Reception - Serina



School Council



Our school council are elected to represent the views of all pupils and to improve our school. One of the first tasks for this year's school council was to go back to class and find out what they children in their class liked about Barley Lane. Feedback included the fact that our children feel safe at Barley Lane, equipment provided is varied and makes learning fun, teachers and young leaders are helpful and classrooms are vibrant. We are now looking at a plan to improve certain aspects about Barley Lane.

This week we made a decision on the charity which one of our school suppliers wishes to donate to for Christmas. We selected 'Shelter' which is a housing and homeless charity. Our school council are a very important part of our school and help to develop lots of different aspects of school life. We will keep you updated throughout the year!