



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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**“Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed”**

Dear parents and carers

We hope you are staying safe and well. Thank you for your good wishes and support by phone and email.

Contrary to media reports, we have received no official confirmation that school will be opening on June 1st. Even if this is the case, we are almost certain that things will not be returning to normal for quite some time, not all year groups may return at the same time and it will not be 'business as usual'. We await government updates and will be sure to let you know as soon as we have any further detail.

We miss the children terribly - school is just not the same without them!

Have a nice bank holiday weekend.

Mr Henry



## Corridor Transformation

The children attending school have had lots of fun this week, working with artist Alessandra Tortone on the KS2 Library entrance. It has



been transformed into a magical woodland. Well done everyone!



Before



After

## Home Learning Update

We continue to upload weekly [Home Learning](#) messages to children in each year group as well as maths and English activities that can be completed daily. There are extensive home learning ideas and resources on the website.

Thanks to the Year 2 team for updating our [blog](#) each day this week. Next week it's Year 4's turn!

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Whilst we have not been in school many children have been participating in Times Table Rockstar Battles. It has been very exciting for Mr. Curtis to see how close the battles are and how children have been improving their speed - as a school our average speed is roughly 4 seconds which is very good!

We are proud of all of the children that have been practising and there are a few that have been going the extra mile. Japneet (4C) scored over 90,000 points in one week and Adam (4N) scored a similar number for his class.

Here are the top 20 scores on the Stats table:

- 1) Japneet (4C)
- 2) Adam (4N)
- 3) Edward (4A)
- 4) Valeriu (4A)
- 5) Harnoor (3B)
- 6) Jamila (5J)
- 7) Ziya (5J)
- 8) Daniyal (4A)
- 9) Joseph (4A)
- 10) Siddharth (4C)
- 11) Marvin (5H)
- 12) Malik (3H)
- 13) Asim (6C)
- 14) Abdullah (3G)
- 15) Shreya (4C)
- 16) Vinaya (4C)
- 17) Mayank (3B)
- 18) Shashank (4N)
- 19) Rishik (4C)
- 20) Minoshi (4C)

# HOME LEARNING

*We found this message on social media this week.  
The words are not ours, but they sum up our feelings very well!*

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been six full weeks since our country went into lockdown.

You have had your children home for the same time now that you would if they were on summer holidays.

You have protected, nourished, educated, supported and entertained your children during a period of national and international uncertainty and fear. You have experienced emotions for yourself and your family that you never knew existed, never mind experienced before.

Six weeks is a long time.

Think about how you feel at the end of the summer holidays, how ready you are for routine, how badly your house needs cleaned from children home, how much work you are ready to catch up on. Remember that exhausting feeling of having so little sleep, much less money and hearing 'mummy' or 'daddy' every time you happen to sit down.

And you wonder why you are exhausted after six weeks of lockdown?!

You have achieved something no other parent ever has!

You have faced six weeks unable to take your child or children anywhere, six weeks of no parks, holidays to break up the boredom, no day trips, no family to help. On top of that you have juggled work demands, loneliness on a level never experienced before, information overload from the internet and emotional turmoil of not being able to see people you hold dear. Even getting food to eat has been a major drama.

So it's ok to feel drained. It's ok to feel uninspired about another day of home-schooling, another day of never ending laundry and cooking.

It's ok to be so very tired.

Six weeks is a long time.

But you have made it.

Be proud of yourself. Stand tall.

History will show you for your courage, your children will remember this period as a time knowing they were safe and loved and teachers everywhere are deeply grateful that you are there for your children when they should be but can't be.

