



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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

## Curriculum Meetings

Our December Parent Survey feedback included some requests for increased communication on our curriculum and what the children are learning. Teachers update the year group remote learning webpages every morning. We are reviewing our spring term topic webs in light of lockdown and will upload them to the website shortly. This month, teachers will host parent curriculum zoom meetings where they will present curriculum information to parents. Times are below and login details will be sent by email on Monday.

Monday 11th January 3pm - Year 6  
Tuesday 12th January 3pm - Year 4  
Wednesday 13th January 3pm - Reception  
Thursday 14th January 3pm - Nursery  
Friday 15th January 3pm - Year 1  
Monday 18th January 3pm - Year 5  
Tuesday 19th January 3pm - Year 3  
Wednesday 20th January 3pm - Year 2



## RHE Update

Families have been emailed details of the Relationships, Sex and Health Education [consultation](#) for Barley Lane Parents next Tuesday, 12th January at 4pm. Please see our [RHE page](#) for further details and links to the draft Local Authority policy and syllabus. Please note the meeting link has been updated by the LA this week.

## Reception Admissions 2021

The deadline for September 2021 admissions is January 15th 2021. More details can be found on the [Redbridge Admissions](#) page. Please click [here](#) for a virtual tour of the school which will give you a flavour of life at Barley Lane!

Keeping Up with the Children - English



Online course provided by Redbridge Institute

- Do you want to learn how to support your child with English?
- You will increase and improve your own knowledge and understanding of how and what children learn in English lessons at school.
- You will also have the opportunity to refresh your own English skills and knowledge. **Minimum £2 required**

Thursday  
14 January 2021

10 weeks

9:45am -11:45am



[Click here to book a place](#)



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## Dates For Your Diary

### January

12th RSHE [parent consultation](#) with the LA

14th Online Course for Parents starts—English

### February

2nd Big Sing For Mental Health (Zoom) 2pm

9th Safer Internet Day

15-19 Half Term

22nd Term Starts

### March

4th World Book Day (non uniform)

18th Parent Consultations - School closes at 1pm for Reception & Years 2,4 & 6. 1.10pm for Years 1,3,&5

### April

2nd - 16th Spring Holiday

## New Year, New Challenge



**Foster for Redbridge**

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Mr Henry will be updating his Purple Mash blog throughout each week with videos and posts for the children to interact with.



# Remote Learning Zone



## Headteacher's Awards



The following children have made a huge effort with their home learning this week and will be receiving a Headteacher's Award postcard very soon! Well done to all!

Amelia	2A	Laasyasree	4S
Miruna	4N	Nihal	3G
Taylor	5H	Hiba	NAM
Minoshi	5R	Anmol	6C
Rishik	5R	Vinaya	5R
Anay	5R	Asiyah	Yellow
Sarika	3G	Tony	4N
Zainab	6R	Saara	Yellow
Alison	Yellow	Millie	Yellow
Ajeesh	Red	Talha	6R
Adam	6R	Baani	6R
Aaliyah	6R	Yusuf	4G
Sharwathah	4G	Athina	4G
Olivia	3T	Hannah	3T
Anish	3T		

## Remote Learning Policy

We are aware of the pressures of remote learning and the needs of different families. For some, our current offer is too much, some feel that there could be more, for many, it is sufficient. As one school leader said on social media this week: *"This not Home Schooling. This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting on the whole world. Home Schooling is a choice, where you consider, you plan and you are your child's school teacher in whatever form you choose. This is, at best, distance learning.. to get three different lots of work done with three different children of different ages is an almost impossible task. If they're old enough, try to get them to do little bits independently. Spend some of this time doing something they can all engage with, reading a story together, some free writing, baking"*

We continue to listen to your feedback at Barley Lane and the leadership team will meet weekly to review our remote learning provision and make adjustments. Thank you for your support.

**Thank you to everyone at BLPS that have kept going and worked so hard during such a traumatic year. I have great respect for teachers anyway who work hard under normal circumstances, but this year it is clear that the pressures and demands have been immense, yet everyone has shown such commitment and strength that is incredible and inspiring. It is hugely appreciated. (Parent Survey, December 2020)**

## Technical Support



Some families have experienced difficulty with Purple Mash this week.

Most of the issues have been resolved. For some, Microsoft Office applications were not installed. For others, issues was due to the volume of families across the country who were trying to access the platform at the same time. Next week, we will be publishing some help guides in the form of a Q&A on our website. We hope they will help. If there is anything specific which you would like us to include, please email us.

## Music Update

Our Music [webpage](#) has been updated for all children at home, with a link to the Young Voices page containing all of the 2021 songs. It's fantastic!

### Song of the Month



Our Song of the Month is 'Lovely Day'

**Composer of the Month:** Mason Bates is an American composer, DJ and curator. Find out more about him and

listen to some of his music on [here](#) and on our [website](#).

There's a special challenge to use his music in writing a story of your own.



The [British Red Cross](#) have produced a kindness pack

which encourages children to do small acts of kindness each day to help their community, family and themselves. Kindness can help us to cope with challenges and

change. Some of our teachers may be setting some tasks from this pack. You can download the full pack [here](#).



**"I feel teachers at this school deal with issues very promptly. Teachers are very caring; having a daughter who spent entire lockdown shielding I was so anxious about her return to school. Barley Lane as a whole I think have done a remarkable job in helping our children settle back to school."**  
(Parent Survey, December 2020)