



Barley Lane Newsletter

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



Dear Parents and Carers

Ramadan Mubarak to our school community. I hope you had a relaxing spring break! The children have settled back well and there is a sense of ‘returning to normality’ at the school. However, we remain vigilant and conscious that the pandemic has not gone away. Adults around the school are still required to wear face coverings in communal areas and the children continue to work in bubbles and hand-wash/sanitise regularly throughout the day. We are looking forward to reopening our internal after-school clubs in the coming weeks, and hope to engage our external club providers next half term, if the Covid situation allows. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us via the school office or on the school gates each morning and afternoon. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Henry.

School Closure

School will be closed on **Thursday 6th May** due to local election polling.

Ramadan

Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey for children who wish to fast over the Ramadan period. We understand that it is not always possible to predict fasting days so far in advance, but the information is important as it helps us to plan supervision of the prayer room and to ensure children who are fasting have the consent of their parents. If your child is fasting but you feel they may potentially need to break their fast at lunch time please provide a snack or a packed lunch, as school dinners must be booked at the beginning of the school day.

Author Workshop



Children in Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a virtual workshop with Adam Baron, author of ‘Boy Under Water’ yesterday. It was very interesting to hear to him speak about his writing process. Thank you to Mr Jackson for organising the session.



Bikeability - Year 5

CYCLE CONFIDENT

We are pleased that we have been able to rebook a Bikeability course for our Year 5 children. Letters will be sent home next week, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note children must be able to ride a bike without stabilisers for this course.





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Summer Curriculum

Our Summer Term curriculum topic webs are available on the school website '[Our Curriculum](#)' page. Here you can learn about your child's topic, big question and areas of learning for each subject. More curriculum information will follow in the coming weeks.



Dates For Your Diary

May

- 3rd May Bank Holiday—School Closed
- 6th Polling Day—School Closed
- 10th Bikeability Year 5 (all week)
- 10th Virtual British Museum Tour 3A & 3G
- 13th Virtual British Museum Tour 3B & 3T
- 21st UN Cultural Diversity Day
- 31st - 4th June Half Term

June

- 8th Historical Handwriting Workshop Year 6
- 28th Art Week

July

- 19th Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 20th Last Day of Summer Term



School Lunches

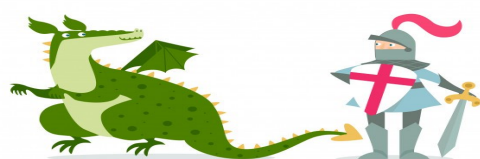
Our new lunch menu is now available to view on the school [website](#). Please note on Tuesday on Week 3 the fish cake and potato salad option is unavailable.

Term Dates

You can find the term dates for 2021/22 [here](#). Please note one further INSET day will be set in due course.

Glasses Found

A pair of purple glasses (Toy Story/Rapunzel) have been found in the playground this week. Please collect them from the school office if they belong to your child.



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Nursery/Reception Admissions

Reception – September 2021 (Children born 01.09.16 – 31.08.17)

All offers for reception places have now been offered by the Local Authority and you should have received the outcome of your application by email on 16 April. Please ensure you check your junk or spam folders if you are still unaware of the outcome. **If you have not yet applied for a school place for your child** you can do so by using this link <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>. This will be classed as a late application. If your child has received a reception place with our school further information will be sent to you shortly.

Nursery - September 2021 (Children born 01.09.17– 31.08.18)

If you have requested a nursery place for your child the offer letters will be sent out next week.

Please contact Mrs Kennedy, Attendance & Admissions Officer in the school office if you have any reception or nursery queries or require any further information.

Swimming Lessons

A reminder that swimming lessons will start for children in Year 5 next week. Please ensure that your child brings dry swimwear and a towel on every swimming day throughout the summer term. Swimming caps must be worn, and goggles are allowed. Jewellery, accessories and any other embellishments of any type worn on the body are not permitted for the safety of all children. These must be removed prior to the start of the lesson. In the instance of a religious bangle which cannot be removed, it must be either covered with a sweat band or covered over with waterproof surgical tape to ensure that it cannot move up and down the wrist and does not pose a risk to the swimmer or fellow swimmers.





Spring has sprung!