



Barley Lane Newsletter

18th December 2020 - Issue 8



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

Message from the Headteacher

Dear families

As we reflect on 2020, and the autumn term in particular, most of us agree that it has been one of most challenging years that we have ever experienced at Barley Lane. However, it has been amazing to see how our staff and parents found ways to overcome personal anxieties and fears in order to support each other and the children. We continue to adapt our practice and procedures and are sorry for any inconvenience that this entails. I cannot promise that the spring term will be any less complex, but I am confident that we will rise to that challenge.

I wish you and your families a restful and peaceful break over the Christmas period and all the best for a safe and prosperous new year.

Stay safe!

Mr Henry



Super Stars!

Our school fence has filled with Stars of Hope! Pupils, staff and parents have written messages of hope for the community during this difficult time. One parent said “It’s a banner of hope over us.” Thank you to the BL Friends' Association for their hard work.



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#blpsfa

#starsofhope

#inthistgether

RHE Update

Families have been emailed details of the Relationships, Sex and Health Education [consultation](#) for Barley Lane Parents on 12th January at 4pm. Please see our [RHE page](#) for further details and links to the draft Local Authority policy and syllabus.

Christmas Celebrations

Despite the regular changes to guidance and timetables, we have done our best to keep the Christmas spirit alive at Barley Lane.



Our Nursery and Year 1 children performed their Nativity plays in class this year and this was filmed so parents and carers can watch and enjoy! The link has been sent by email.



Friday Half Day

From Friday 8th December until further notice, we will be closing at
1pm for Rec, Y2,4,6
1:10 for Y1,3,5. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Uniform Change Sept 2021

Our school uniform will change slightly from Sept 2021. Please click [here](#) for more details

Dates For Your Diary



January

- 4th School closed (INSET Day)
- 5th Term starts for children
- 8th First of our Friday half day closures
- 12th RSHE [parent consultation](#) with the LA
- 13th Dr Bike for Years 3-6
- 14th Online Course for Parents starts–English
- 18th Bikeability Year 5
- 25th Bikeability Year 5

February

- 2nd Big Sing For Mental Health (Zoom) 2pm
- 9th Safer Internet Day
- 15-19 Half Term
- 22nd Term Starts
- 23rd/24th Bikeability Level 1 - Year 4

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

May

- 3rd Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- 10th KS2 SATs
- 31-4 June Half Term



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Panto Time!

We couldn't go to the theatre, so the theatre came to us! Last week children across the school enjoyed Bigfoot's performance of Sleeping



Beauty. It was great fun and the pantomime included some familiar faces and names from our school! If your child was unable to see the pantomime at school please follow [this link](#) to watch it.

"You have handled the situation so well and ensured a smooth transition into remote learning, considering the short notice to close the school. I for one appreciate all your support and efforts... Thank you for everything you all do"

Year 5 Parent, 16.12.20

Nursery Vacancies

We have vacancies available in our Nursery for the afternoon session. If your child was born between 01/09/16 - 31/08/17 and you are interested in a nursery place please contact Mrs Kennedy at the school office.

Attendance & New Children

A warm welcome to Ashra & Nihal who have recently joined our school.

Attendance Week Commencing 7 December – 93.5%

KS1– 2M – 98.64%

KS2 – 6C– 98.18%



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!

Parent Survey

Thanks to the 280 families who completed our parent survey! We are analysing the responses and further updates will follow next month. We had many requests for more information about what the children are learning. We will update our [curriculum page](#) and hold parent curriculum meetings in the second week of spring term.

Headteacher's Awards (Autumn 2)

Rayyan 3G	Hasann 4G	
Paramveer 5F	Amirah 5R	
Anjum 4G	Ruthwik 4C	
Ansab 4C	Fatima 5F	
Ethan 5F	Tanisha 6C	
Alessandra 6C	Ihtesham 6C	
Safa H 2B	Safa I 2B	
Wali 2B	Shasvin 2B	
Eiliyah 6C	Ziya 6C	
Olivia 3T	Jarnila 6C	
Aaliyah 6R	Baani 6R	
Armaan 6R	Jannat 6J	
Zahra 4S	Laasyasree 4S	
Mariam 6J	Kanan 6J	
Aaliyah 6R	Inaya 4S	
Harlanraj 4S	Matei 5F	
Rehan 5F	Kashvi 5F	
Aleeza 5F	Ilyas 4C	
Vivan 3T	Hannah 3T	
Atiya 4C	Amorae 6C	
Khadijah 2B	Sara 6C	
Ameerah 6J	Kelson 6J	
Bilal 2B	Maliha 6J	
Manal 6J	Musa 4N	
Asher 4N	Abdulbathin 4S	
Catherine 4N	Susmitha 3T	
Miraya 3T	Adyasha 3T	

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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"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."

Reception Parent, 16.12.20

How can we show others that we care?



This year's John Lewis Christmas advert revolves around a theme inspired by the kindness of the British public during the coronavirus pandemic. The advert features people delivering food to an elderly couple and a man extending a Christmas cracker all the way to his lonely neighbour's house so they can maintain social distancing.

Things to talk about at home with your children.

Can you think of any examples of acts of kindness you've seen this year?

As this year has been hard for many people for different reasons, do you think it is more important to show kindness to others?

