



# Barley Lane Newsletter

13th December 2019 - Issue 14

*"Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed"*

## Christmas Jumper Day

Join in the festivities and wear your Christmas Jumper next Wednesday 18th December!



## Charity Fundraiser - Shelter

Some of our Year 6 children will be selling chocolate santa lollies next Tuesday at break time in aid of Shelter. The lollies will cost 50p each, 1 per pupil- years 1-6. Please send your child in with the correct money.

Shelter helps millions of people every year struggling with bad housing or homelessness through advice, support and legal services.



## Judaism Assembly and Workshops

Children in Years 4,5 and 6 experienced a very energetic and informative assembly on Judaism this week. This was followed by a series of workshops for Year 4 children. Ruth, who delivered the sessions, has since contacted us to say: *It really was a pleasure to work with your friendly, open-minded and well-behaved pupils. I was made to feel most welcome by staff and pupils alike. It's really lovely to go into a school... where there is such a good level of knowledge and interest; a testament to your teachers' enthusiasm.*



## Free Courses for Parents!

We have some courses for parents & children coming up in the new term, run by Redbridge Institute at Barley Lane Primary School:

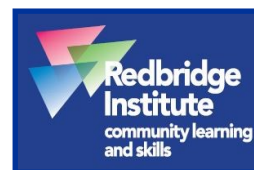
**Digital Technologies for Adults: Starting 13/1/20 9am**

**Keeping Up With The Children Maths: Starting 16/1/20 12.45pm**

**Chill Out With Your Child: Starting 22/1/20 3.30pm**

All courses are **free** and open to our parents & carers.

Look out for [further information leaflets](#) on page 4 which will also be sent home soon. Book your place at the school office.



## Festive Fun

Tis the season to be merry! Come along and join us in our festive fun, featuring:

A Christmas treasure hunt around the library

Arts and crafts activities

A lucky dip! (so a prize is guaranteed!)

**Redbridge Central Library**

Suitable for 3 to 12 years

**Monday 16 December**

**Drop in event 4pm to 6.30pm**

FREE, please book in advance via

[www.redbridge-events.eventbrite.com](http://www.redbridge-events.eventbrite.com)



## Pupil Voice

It's been an exciting week for pupil voice. Some of our school councillors in Years 4 and 5 attended a debate between two opposing Year 6 teams. The motion was *'That the caring corner should be reinstated'*. The motion was suggested by some of the year 6 children, and also mentioned at our parent forum last week. There was a unanimous vote in favour of the 'Proposers'. This result will be discussed by the leadership team in spring term.

Our Student Alliance members visited Seven Kings High



School on Wednesday where they discussed pupil voice across the alliance and reported back on their activities.



## Church Visit - Reception



This week our Reception children visited to Goodmayes Methodist Church and Community Centre.

Whilst we were there, we learned all about the nativity story. Then, we walked around the church and found several interesting objects related to the church and the nativity story. Thank you to all of our volunteer parents!



## Dates For Your Diary

### December



- 16th Nursery Class Party
- 17th Green Class Nativity 9:30  
Red Class Nativity 2:45
- 18th Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th Reception Class Party
- 19th 5H & 5R Class Party AM  
Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5J & 5F
- 20th Last Day of Term

### January

**6th School closed (INSET Day)**

- 7th Children return to school
- 8th Tate Modern Visit Year 4
- 9th Tate Modern Visit Year 4
- 13th Learn to Ride Reception/Year1
- 14th Learn to Ride Reception/Year1
- 15th Individual & Siblings Photographs
- 15th Learn to Ride Year 2 & 3
- 16th Learn to Ride Year 2 & 3
- 20th Balance Bikes all week Nursery/Reception
- 23rd O2 Young Voices Concert
- 27th Balance Bikes all Week Nursery/Reception
- 29th Visit to Colchester Castle Year 4
- 29th RE Workshop Year 3
- 30th 5F Class Assembly 9am

## Parent Governor Elections



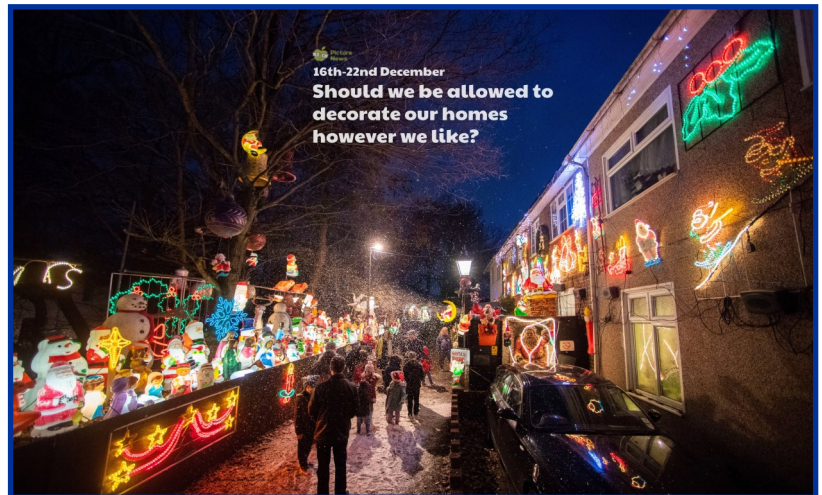
The deadline for returning your ballot paper for the Parent Governor Election is **Tuesday 17th December 2019 4pm**. Please post your completed ballot paper in the box located in the school office reception.

## Picture News



***Should we be allowed to decorate our homes as we like?***

A family getting into the festive spirit had their celebrations dulled when they were told by some of their neighbours to take down their Christmas decorations until closer to the 25th December. Claudia and Nick Simonis put up their decorations on the 1st November. Three days later, the couple received a letter from a local homeowners' association informing them that it was too soon to put up the decorations and requesting that they "please remove the snowman until closer to the festive period".



### Things to talk about at home:

*Are there times of the year when you choose to decorate your home or room?*

*Do you think that it's fair to complain about a neighbour's external decorations? Why?*

*Do you think the family were right to ignore the request to take their decorations down?*

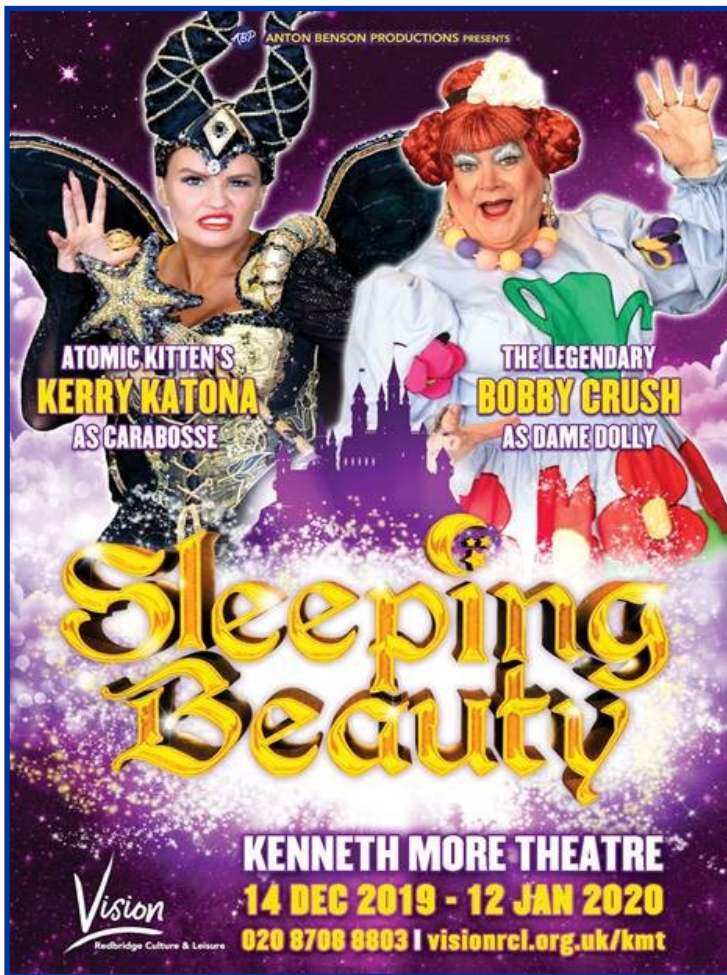
## British Values

16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Individual Liberty

During special times, we may choose to decorate our homes which may impact our neighbours. It's important to be considerate and think of others – but also to enjoy our celebrations!





## Staff Development

Staff at Barley Lane have had a very busy term! Our weekly INSET sessions have been focused mainly on curriculum development and the pedagogy of reading. We have worked hard to develop our spring curriculum for the children and ensure that their lessons will engage and challenge them. Other sessions have included questioning and challenge in maths, positive behaviour management, safeguarding, PSHE and our teams have 'moderated' their maths, writing and foundation books.

Many of our teachers and subject leaders have attended external networks and courses throughout the term, including Curriculum Development, Safeguarding, PSHE, Geography, English, Maths, Computing & Online Safety, Pastoral Care, MFL and Subject Leadership. Our learning continues into spring!



## Attendance

Week commencing 2/12/19 93.68%

Best Class Attendance:  
KS2 - 3H 98.46%

Welcome to the following children who have recently joined our school:

Aron	Sadad
Aribah	Sama
Allahdad	Najia



## Attendance Next Week

Your child(ren) will be expected into school *as usual* next week. Any absences must be supported with medical evidence. This can be in the form of a GP appointment card, pharmacist voucher or prescription. Failure to provide this will result in your child/ren's absence being unauthorised. You should know that unauthorised absences may result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Any families intending to go on holiday which will result in their child missing school next week or at the start of the spring term should notify Mrs Kennedy in the school office.

\* Christmas Lunch \*  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December \*

\*Roast Turkey or Vegetable Parcel

served with

**Roast Potatoes, Cocktail Sausage,  
 Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables,  
 Cranberry Sauce & Gravy**

**Christmas Cookie,  
 Mini Chocolate Pudding or Jelly**



## Chill out with your child Meditation and yoga



@ BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is a fun course designed for children aged 5+ and their parents/carers to learn together.

### What will I learn?

You will learn how to implement relaxation techniques and exercises into your day-to-day life and how to use breathing techniques to relax the body and mind.

*Only 2 children per adult.*

*Children are the responsibility of the accompanying adult.*

Wednesday  
22 January

3 weeks

3.30 - 5.00pm



## Digital Technologies



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The internet has become integrated into our lives and has many benefits. However we need to be aware of the risks that it can pose to our children. This workshop will help you better understand digital technologies and give you practical tips and tools to create a safer online experience for your whole family.

### What will I learn?

- Benefits and risks of the internet
- Children and social network
- Using technology safely and responsibly

Date: Mon 13 January

Duration: 5 Weeks

Time: 9 am - 11am

This course  
is designed for  
parents and carers  
(adults only)

## KEEPING UP WITH THE CHILDREN Maths



@ BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Thursday  
16 January 2020

11 weeks

12:45-3.15pm



# Spring Term Family Learning Opportunities at Barley Lane



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