

# "Believe in yourself...Learn together...Persevere...Succeed"

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# **Newsletter Week Ending 19 January 2018**

#### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

There is a vacancy currently on the governing body for a parent governor. A letter went out earlier this week with lots of information about what this entails. If you are interested, or would like any more information, please go to the school's website or ask in the office for copies of the relevant paperwork.

If you would like to nominate yourself, please use the forms and hand in to the office. The closing date is Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 9.30am.

#### WRITING COMPETITION

This week was the launch of Radio 2's '500 Word' competition.

We would like children aged 5-13 to enter the competition by writing a fictional story. This can be a story about anything so long as it is not more than 500 words. The closing date for entries is Thursday 22nd February.

Children can send their entries on-line from home, 1 entry per child.

Prizes include having their story read out live on the radio from Hampton Court Palace on the 8th June at a garden party that the winners also attend, plus lots of new books.

Follow the link for more information:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1

### **PUPIL ONLINE SAFETY SURVEY YEARS 3 - 6**

In February we will taking part in a national online safety survey run by LGfL Digisafe and NSPCC. Parents of children in years 3 - 6 will have already received a parental consent letter requesting permission for your child to take part in in the survey. The deadline for returning the permission slip is **Friday 26th January**.

We would like as many children as possible to take part in this as the information will help us to better understand the risks children face online.

We will be taking part in this survey as part of Safer Internet Day which is on 6th February.

The internet is amazing and allows us access to a range of learning, but please remember that you need to ensure that your child/children are safe when they are online. You should be monitoring your child's internet use so that you are aware of what games, apps and websites they are accessing and who they are communicating with. We encourage you to ensure that your child uses their devices in a communal area like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet. It is your responsibility as a parent/carer to ensure they are safe when online.



#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR PRESENTATION**



Barley Lane has an amazing opportunity to celebrate the Chinese culture through having a Chinese New Year presentation run by the Confucius Institute and our two Mandarin teachers.

This will take place on 22nd February – there will be 3 displays throughout the morning for all children from Reception to Year Six. The displays will include:

A Kung fu show, Chinese folk dance, Chinese songs and traditional Chinese musical instruments played to an extremely high level.

We are very lucky to receive this opportunity. This would be at a minimal cost of £1 per pupil, payable through ParentPay accounts.

## **SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENT REMINDER**

A reminder that school meals and Early Birds must be paid for in advance. It is important that your child's ParentPay is in credit. Cash is no longer accepted in school. Should you have any queries regarding your school dinner or Early Bird account please contact the school office.



#### **MUSIC LESSONS**



We have vacancies for music lessons in school. The spaces are for clarinet or brass and cost £75 for the term, and children will receive one lesson per week. If your child is interested in attending, please put your request in writing to Mrs Warry.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The whole school attendance for last week was:

95.04 %

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance were:

Foundation & KS1: 100% Reception Yellow

KS2: 100% 3R

Well done!



