



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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



**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN**

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## Message from the Headteacher

Today, the school community mourns the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She was admired and respected by so many across the world.

Many of our Barley Lane community members may wish to pay their respects and own tributes to the Queen. Books of condolence and floral tribute sites have opened at [six locations](#) across Redbridge, our nearest being Goodmayes Library. A special vigil will be held at the Library at 6pm next Wednesday.

At school, we held a special assembly for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 this morning to mark the occasion. We celebrated the Queen's life and her remarkable contribution to society, discussed what has happened this week and what will happen next. We briefly explored what is meant by grief and public mourning, as the children will be exposed to TV and newspaper articles in coming days. We acknowledged that regardless of whether we feel sad, confused or no different, all of feelings are valid and we should talk and ask questions if we need to explore them.

We are currently awaiting confirmation of the funeral date and will update parents in advance of any school closure. In the meantime, school will open as normal next Monday.

We wish you a peaceful weekend.

**Michael Henry**

Headteacher, Barley Lane Primary School

## Message from the Chair of Governors

It was with great and genuine sadness that we heard of Queen Elizabeth's death. Her Majesty has been a constant in most of our lives – indeed few of us are old enough to remember her coronation in 1953 and the grainy black and white pictures of it on a small-screen TV.

The pupils are too young also to remember her visit to Valentines Park in Ilford just over 10 years ago and the joy it brought to the thousands of well-wishers who turned out to welcome her.

Adults will no doubt have vivid memories of one or more of the great celebrations of her milestones as a monarch, e.g. silver in 1977 and gold in 2002, when neighbours joined forces, as it were, to hold street parties which gave children days to remember for the rest of their lives.

We doubt any monarch in history anywhere has ever won the respect of, literally, billions of people not just in the Commonwealth but in the whole world. No-one has ever given greater service to their country than Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

On behalf of all the pupils, staff and governors, Barley Lane Primary School sends its sincere condolences to King Charles III and his Queen Consort and, indeed, all members of the royal family.

**David Backhouse MBE**

Chair of Governors, Barley Lane Primary School

## Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my message on the previous page, I would like to welcome you all back to school for the a new academic year. I do hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break. It has been lovely to hear the children speak so excitedly about their summer holidays.

We have had a really successful first week and the children have settled back exceptionally well. There have been many things to adjust to and our Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 children in particular have been getting to know their new classmates during lessons and at breaktime. Teachers are proud of their efforts!

Well done to our first cohort of reception children who have had a great week. We look forward to welcoming some new reception and nursery children on Wednesday.

We are very much looking forward to the upcoming academic year. We have a number of events planned to celebrate our 70th birthday throughout the year - more details to follow! In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or concerns. Have a restful weekend!

Mr Henry, Headteacher



## New School Meals Menu

We hope the children are enjoying our [new lunch menu](#).

A reminder that children in Year 3 now pay £2.25 per meal unless you are eligible for Free School Meals. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals you can check the qualifying benefits and make an application [here](#).

## School Uniform & Jewellery

Please remember to label all of your child's belongings with their full name and class; we have had children lose items already this week that have been unlabelled.



A reminder that shoes and PE trainers must be black with no logos or white soles. No earrings, chains, rings or bracelets should be worn, unless for religious reasons. If your child has pierced ears, they can wear small studs. **From Monday, parents will be asked to come in to school to remove any inappropriate jewellery from their children.**

## P.E. Days

Reception: Tuesday. 2<sup>nd</sup> day to be confirmed by class teacher

1D/1A: Tuesday (indoor) & Thursday (outdoor)

1R/1M: Thursday (outdoor) & Friday (indoor)

2H/2B: Tuesday (indoor) & Thursday (outdoor)

2A/2W: Wednesday (indoor) & Thursday (outdoor)

3B/3G: Monday (indoor) & Tuesday (outdoor)

3A/3M: Thursday (indoor) & Tuesday (outdoor)

4C /4F: Monday (indoor) & Friday (outdoor)

4D /4K: Wednesday (indoor) & Friday (outdoor)

5C /5T: Monday (indoor) & Wednesday (outdoor)

5R /5F: Tuesday (indoor) & Wednesday (outdoor)

6R/6N: Wednesday (indoor) & Monday (outdoor)

6J/6M: Thursday (indoor) & Monday (outdoor)

Find information on PE kit can be found [here](#)

## Curriculum Information

### Curriculum Information:

This year's Curriculum Overviews, Autumn Term Topic Webs and the PowerPoint Presentations from Parent Curriculum Meetings can be found [here](#).

### Parent Curriculum Meetings:

Thank you to the parents who have joined our curriculum information meetings this week; we hope you have found them useful. They are an opportunity to meet your child's year group teacher, hear about their autumn curriculum learning and how to support at home. Meetings will take place at 4pm and should last approx. 30 minutes. Zoom links will be sent by email prior to the meeting. Dates of the remaining meetings are below and presentations will be uploaded to our [website](#) after each meeting.

Mon 12th September	Year 3
Tues 13th September	Year 2
Thurs 15th September	Year 1
Mon 3rd October	Reception
Tues 4th October	Nursery

## Healthy Snacks

Please ensure your child brings in a healthy snack for break time:



Healthy Snacks that are welcome at break time: Fruit, yoghurt tubes, crackers, baby bel, cereal bar.  
Unhealthy snacks NOT allowed: Crisps, cakes, sweets, chocolate bars.

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school.

## Key Dates for 2022-23

Please see below our initial key dates for this academic year. They are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep them as listed below!

### Autumn Term

#### September 2022

Mon 26th Year 6 Secondary & SATs Info Meeting 4pm  
Mon 26th Year 5 Tudor Day 5F & 5R  
Tue 27th Year 5 Tudor Day 5T & 5C  
Fri 30th BLPS 70th Birthday Launch

#### October 2022

Mon 3rd Bikeability Years 5 & 6  
Mon 10th Reception Zoom Phonics Meeting 4pm  
Tues 4th Nursery Parent Curriculum Meeting 4pm  
Thurs 6th Parent Forum 9:15am (Junior Hall)  
Thurs 13th Year 6 Secondary Application drop-in 9am  
Thurs 20th Parent Consultations **(children finish 1:30pm)**  
Fri 21st Last day of half term

#### November 2022

Tues 15th Open Morning (9:30) for Prospective Parents  
Open Evening (5pm) for Prospective Parents  
Parent Forum 18:00 (zoom)  
Mon 28th Year 2 SATs Parent Information Evening 4pm  
Wed 30th Nativity Performance 1R & 1A 9.30am

#### December 2022

Thu 1st Nativity Performance 1D & 1M 9.30am  
Mon 5th Nativity Yellow 9:30 and Red 2pm  
Tue 6th Nativity Blue 9:30 and Green 2pm  
Thu 8th Nativity Nursery 10am / 2pm  
Tues 20th Last day of term

### Spring Term

#### January 2023

**Thurs 5th INSET Day (School closed)**  
Fri 6th Start of Spring Term  
9th - 17th Spring Parent Curriculum Meetings  
Mon 9th Parent Forum 9:15am (Junior Hall)

#### February 2023

6-12th Children's Mental Health Week  
Tues 7th Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting  
Wed 8th Safer Internet Day  
Fri 10th Last day of half term  
Tues 21st Parent Forum 17:00 (zoom)

#### March 2023

Thur 2nd World Book Day (non-uniform)  
13-17 Science Week  
Thurs 16th Parent Consultations  
**(children finish at 1:30pm)**  
Fri 31st Last day of term

### Summer Term

#### April 2023

**Mon 17th INSET Day (School closed)**  
20th - 4th Summer Parent Curriculum Meetings

#### May 2023

**Mon 1st Bank Holiday (School closed)**  
Mon 8th KS2 SATs Week  
Fri 19th Parent Forum (9:15am Junior Hall)  
Fri 26th Barley Lane's 70th Birthday Family Picnic  
Last day of half term

#### June 2023

19 - 24th Health and Fitness Week (Sports Days)  
Wed 14th Parent Forum 17:00 (zoom)

#### July 2023

3-7th Arts Week  
Tues 11th Y2 Graduation Assembly 9:30  
(2A & 2B Parents)  
Wed 12th Y2 Graduation Assembly 9:30  
(2H & 2W Parents)  
Thurs 13th Parent Open Evening (3:45-5pm)  
Mon 17th Y6 Production 6pm (6M & 6N Parents)  
Tues 18th Y6 Production 6pm (6J & 6R Parents)  
Thurs 20th Last day of term for the children  
**Fri 21st INSET Day (School Closed to Children)**

*Term dates can be found on our [website](#).*



### Parking

Please be considerate when parking your car around the school and surrounding roads. Please do not park on the zig zag lines, in disabled bays and over residents' driveways.

Information about activities at Thackeray Drive Children's Centre can be found [here](#)