



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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

## Welcome Back

I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to school after the holidays! It was so wonderful to see both parents and children at drop-off this morning. We have had a lovely day and the children have been getting to know their new teachers.

There have been a few changes to drop off and pick up arrangements. Thank you for your patience with these.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us via the school office should you have any queries or concerns.



Wishing you all the best for the upcoming academic year. We are all very excited to be back!

Mr Henry  
Headteacher

## Uniform

***Our new uniform policy is now in place*** and it has been fantastic to see the children looking so smart today. Hair accessories and jewellery have been an issue today for some children: more details on the correct uniform can be found on our [school website](#). We no longer permit yellow polo-necks or black trousers to be worn and ***PE kits with sports logos and branding are not allowed. PE trainers must be black with no motifs or white soles.*** Children are expected to wear their PE kit to school on both of their PE days each week. Parents will be contacted when the incorrect uniform is being worn.

## School Redecoration

During the holidays, Barley Lane has undergone a transformation in some areas. Our nursery building, Early Years space, school office and some of our Year 1 classes have been fully redecorated and now look brighter and more welcoming. We are also nearing completion of a major three-year window replacement project. Our focus now turns to the outdoor spaces. Thank you to Mr Boddy, our Site Manager, and his team for their hard work throughout the holidays.

## Parent Curriculum Meetings

Our parent curriculum meetings will take place in the coming weeks. The meetings will be an opportunity to meet the teachers in your child's year group team and find out about the curriculum for this term. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions about the curriculum and our expectations at school.

The meetings will be held via Zoom at 4 o'clock on the following dates:

Nursery: Tuesday 5th October  
Reception: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 1: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 2: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 3: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 4: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 5: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 6: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Zoom links will be sent via email today.  
We look forward to seeing you then!

## Street Tag

Barley Lane won 3rd place on last terms Street Tag with 879,705 points.

Congratulations to all the children, parents, and school staff that have participated - you are all part of incredible schools and an incredible community in Redbridge.

Find more details about Street Tag [here](#).



**Parents will be informed of children's two PE days via email.**

## Year 6 - 11+ & Entrance Exams

Your child is expected to attend school every day. **Children should not be absent from school to prepare for their 11+ or other entrance exams.** All studying should take place in your child's free time and not in school time. We are aware that your child may be attending entrance exams for Grammar schools outside of Redbridge. Please ensure you notify Mrs Kennedy, Attendance Officer in advance if your child will be sitting an entrance exam. You will also need to provide evidence from the school (Invitation letter). It is expected that children will attend school for some part of the day either before or after their exam rather than miss a whole day. Unfortunately, not all requests can be authorised due to the volume of exams that some individual children have requested leave for. Thank you.

**Curriculum Topic Webs for each year group can be [found here!](#)**



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## Baby News

Congratulations to Mr McCarthy who recently had a baby boy!



## School Lunches—Year 3 Children

If your child has moved from Year 2 to Year 3, they will have to pay for school lunches unless they are eligible for free school meals. If you think you may be eligible, please apply via the Redbridge website: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/free-school-meals/>

## Can The Paralympics Help Us To Become More Inclusive Of Others?



Over the past two weeks the Paralympic have taken place in Tokyo, following the postponed 2020 Olympics. The events has featured athletics with disabilities competing in 539 events across 22 different sports. Ahead of the games, Paralympics GB launched a campaign to make disabled people impossible to ignore. The initiative was developed after research showed Paralympics athletes are key to challenging perceptions of disability in the UK.

**Things to discuss at home:**

**Have you been watching the Paralympics games? If so what have been your highlights?**



## Breakfast & After School Club

We are pleased to be offering wraparound care for the children in our school.

The clubs can be booked directly with the childcare provider. Please visit [Shine Clubs - Barley Lane](#) for more information and to book your child's place.

