



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all back to school for the new academic year. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and see them all in their new uniform and to listen to their stories about their summer holidays.

We have had a successful first week and the children are settling well into their new classes getting to know their new teachers. We look forward to welcoming our nursery and reception cohorts next week.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Wishing you all the best for the upcoming academic year! Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Ballantyne



Acting Headteacher

## 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 leader, 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 have been sent by email. Dates of the remaining meetings are below and presentations will be uploaded to our website after each meeting.

Mon 11th September - Year 3

Tues 12th September - Year 4

Wed 13th September - Year 2

Thur 14th September - Year 5

Mon 18th September - Year 1

Tue 3rd October - Reception

Thu 5th October - Nursery

## 11+ Entrance Exams

Thank you to those who have submitted your 11+ forms for the Headteacher. Please ensure all applications forms are completed correctly and you provide a recent passport sized photograph of your child's which should be glued to the application form. **Forms will not be signed and returned on the same day.** Once the forms are complete, they will be returned to your child on **Thursday 14 September** via their class teacher.

If your child is attending a Year 7 entrance exam, you are required to notify Mrs Kennedy, Attendance Officer in advance (72 hours before entrance exam date). Please email a copy of the invitation letter to [admin@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk). These requests are authorised at the Headteacher's discretion.

When attending entrance exams, pupils are not expected to remain absent from school for the whole day. Every effort should be made to ensure pupils attend school either before or after their exam.

All exam revision should be completed in pupils' own time and should not impact on their school learning. Your child is expected to attend school each day. Non-attendance prior to any examination dates will be monitored and registered as unauthorised; your child may be referred to the Education Welfare Officer if the level of absence is excessive.

## Mr Henry

Thank you for asking how Mr Henry is and for asking us to pass on your best wishes to him. Parents have been asking if a collection will be taking place for him. We will not be having a collection for him, but the school will be arranging an appropriate gift on behalf of the staff and parents.

## Gate Opening Times

**Our school day starts at 8:55am.** A reminder that the school gates open just before 8.45am and children are able to go into class from 8.45am until 8.55am. After this time, they will be deemed late and will need to book in via the school office. The gates will open just before 3:30pm at the end of the school day. Children are dismissed from class at 3.30pm.

Parents and carers will not be allowed into the KS2 playground during drop off time - children will make their own way to class. Parents of children in Foundation and KS1 can enter through the Barley Lane Nursery & Eccleston Crescent entrances.

## Dates For Your Diary

### September

Mon 11th - Y3 Parent Curriculum Meeting 4pm (online)  
Tues 12th - Y4 Parent Curriculum Meeting 4pm (online)  
Wed 13th - Y2 Parent Curriculum Meeting 4pm (online)  
Thu 14th - Y5 Parent Curriculum Meeting 4pm (online)  
Mon 18th - Y1 Parent Curriculum Meeting 4pm (online)  
Mon 18th - Yr 6 Secondary School Transition Zoom Meeting 4pm  
18-25th - Recycle Week  
26th - European Day of Languages

### October

Tue 3rd Oct - Reception Parent Curriculum Meeting (online)  
Thu 5th Oct - Nursery Parent Curriculum Meeting (online)  
Mon 9th - Individual photographs  
Thu 12th - Flu Vaccinations - Reception—Year 6  
Thu 19th - Parents Evening (children finish at 1.30pm)

**Half Term - 23rd - 27th October**

### November

Wed 1st - Dr Bike for pupils  
Tue 7th - Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip ( class TBC)  
Wed 8th - Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip (class TBC)  
Thu 9th - Anti bullying Workshop Year 4-6  
Mon 13th - Anti Bullying Week  
Mon 20th - Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Year 5 & 6  
Tue 28th - Cycle Training Level 1 - Year 3 & 4  
Thu 30th - Learn to Ride - Year 2,3,4

### December

Mon 11th - Learn to Ride - Year 2.3.4  
Wed 13th - Bikeability Level 1 - Years 3&4  
Wed 20th - Last Day of Term

[TERM DATES CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)

## Attendance & Admissions

Attendance will be a focus that we will be aiming to improve throughout the school year. We ask you as parents to ensure that your child attends school every day and on time to help us support your child in reaching their full academic progress and wellbeing. It would be a great achievement for the school community to reach our annual target of 96%.

We are here to work together, support and help make attendance a priority for your child and our school.

### Year 6 – Applications to start secondary school Year 7 for September 2024.

This application applies to children with birthdays from 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013. This application can only be made online. Please ensure you apply for your child's school place by **Tuesday 31 October 2023**. You must apply through the eAdmissions portal which opened at midnight on 1 September 2023. The zoom meeting on 18th September will give further information.

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/secondary-school-admissions/>

### Reception – Applications to start primary school reception for September 2024.

This application applies to children with birthdays from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020. This application can only be made online. Please ensure you apply for your child's school place by **Monday 15 January 2024**. You must apply through the eAdmissions portal which opened at midnight on 1 September 2023.

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>



**Active Body Healthy Mind**

If you have answered 'Yes!' to any of the above, come and get involved. From September 2023 – July 2024, you can find a full programme of activities in various locations across Redbridge.

- Booking required
- Age 19+
- Taster sessions
- FREE

**To view the programme timetable and to find out more about this project**

Visit: [www.visionrcl.org.uk/activebodyhealthymind](http://www.visionrcl.org.uk/activebodyhealthymind)  
Email: [active.redbridge@visionrcl.org.uk](mailto:active.redbridge@visionrcl.org.uk)

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## We Can Create Funding Available

**COLOURS**  
of Redbridge

Get up to £10,000 plus training and support for your organisation to develop a **creative or cultural** programme in Redbridge.

You could be a sports club, faith group, school or any other group who works with communities. We want to hear from you because creativity is for everyone!

Visit [www.colours.red](http://www.colours.red) for more information or to apply.



## 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, fizzy drinks. Children should not bring in any food that contains nuts; we are a nut free school.

## We Care For Our Air



Barley Lane Primary is taking part in a really valuable Defra funded project called 'We Care For Our Air' which aims to bring residents together in a frank conversation about the air quality where they live, and provide information and tools to help combat it.

**Let's go cycling!**

**Cycle Skills Training**  
Tailored training to suit your needs - from learning to ride to cycling your commute, for individuals or family groups.

To book your free training, scan the QR code or go to: [bit.ly/RedbridgeCycleConfident](https://bit.ly/RedbridgeCycleConfident)

**Together we can make a difference!**

We Care for Our Air is a Redbridge project which aims to improve the air we breathe.

Tell us what you think about the air where you live and be in with a chance to win a bike for your child or teenager, scooters, or £50 shopping vouchers. go to: [bit.ly/OurAirRedbridge](https://bit.ly/OurAirRedbridge)

To find out more and get involved in monitoring air pollution near your home contact [air@environmentalchange.org.uk](mailto:air@environmentalchange.org.uk), scan the QR code or go to: [bit.ly/OurAirRedbridge](https://bit.ly/OurAirRedbridge)

As a school we are really excited to be involved in this project and are looking forward to taking part in an array of activities throughout the year!

To get the conversation about air quality started we want everyone to enter the We Care for Our Air prize draw competition by filling in the [We Care for Our Air survey](#).

The survey is broken down into geographic areas to give us a better understanding of the areas most affected and what locals there understand about what they can do about the problem. In return, you can **WIN A FREE BIKE, SCOOTERS AND SOME £50 VOUCHERS FOR FOOD OR CLOTHING.**

**Let's go cycling!**

**Guided Bike Rides**  
Fun, free and family-friendly guided rides run by Cycle Confident. Come along to meet new people, practice your cycle skills, increase your confidence, and explore your local area. We stop for cakes and drinks too!

Where?	When?
Loxford Park	Saturday 9th September (10-11.30am)
Goodmayes Park	Saturday 9th September (11.30-1pm)
Fairlop Waters	Saturday 16th September (9-10.30am)
Valentine's Park	Saturday 16th September (10.30-12pm)

**Tickets**  
To book a ride, scan the QR code or go to: [bit.ly/RedbridgeCycleConfident](https://bit.ly/RedbridgeCycleConfident)

CYCLE CONFIDENT  
Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs  
Redbridge

## School Uniform

The new term is here, and we are pleased to see so many children wearing the correct uniform.

**Please adhere to the uniform outlined in our uniform policy** which is [here](#). Please note that we will NOT accept footwear with white soles, branding and logos on PE kits and hoop earrings. You can buy school uniform from the following providers:

[www.Mapac.com](http://www.Mapac.com)

Rupens Schoolwear, .98-100 Meads Lane  
Ilford, IG3 8QN



Alternatively you can buy uniform without the school logo from local supermarkets. These should be in Barley Lane school colours.

## PE Days

Children should wear their PE kit on their PE day. Indoor PE is gymnastics this half term, please make sure children do not wear baggy/wide jogging bottoms. Information about PE kit can be found on our [website](#).

PE days are as follows:

Reception : Thursday (outdoor) Friday (indoor)

1A, 1B, 1W: Monday (outdoor) Wednesday (indoor)

1G: Monday (outdoor) Friday (indoor)

2A & 2Q: Tuesday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)

2H & 2T: Monday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)

3A: Monday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)

3D: Thursday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)

3K: Tuesday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)

3R: Wednesday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)

4B & 4BM: Tuesday (indoor) Wednesday (outdoor)

4F & 4R: Monday (indoor) Wednesday (outdoor)

5B & 5M: Tuesday (indoor) Thursday (outdoor)

5HS & 5T: Wednesday (indoor) Thursday (outdoor)

6C & 6F: Thursday (indoor) Tuesday (outdoor)

6J & 6N: Friday (indoor) Tuesday (outdoor)

## Saturday Skills

### Saturday Football Sessions



Every Saturday, term time only

9:30am to 10:30am

At Barley Lane Primary School Field-

Entrance at the field gate, Huxley Drive

For boys and girls in Years 1-6

Fully qualified coaches - male and female

**Starting back Saturday 16th September**

To book contact :

[summerskillsfootball@outlook.com](mailto:summerskillsfootball@outlook.com)

£5 per session per child - pay on the day

**"When I grow up, I want to be a superhero!"**

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