



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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



## ESOL- English Classes

Venue: Barley Lane Primary School

Enrolments Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9:15-11:45am

Entry level 2 (post beginners). Please bring evidence of 3 years residency in the UK/EU country. £15 for 15 weeks – free for claimants of JSA/ESA WRAG

If you would like more information, please see Mrs Applegate at the school office.

## Travel Comic Strip Competition

We are asking our children to design a comic strip to show how you travel to school, and the benefits of walking, scooting and cycling! Try to include what you see, hear and do on your journey to school, and how it could be improved if there was less cars on the road. You could also add some information about road safety and air quality. Please make sure your strip has a beginning, middle and end - the best entry from each school will have their design turned into a real life comic book front page! ***Please give your completed entries to your class teacher by Friday 27th September.***



## Uniform Policy

We have noticed a number of children wearing incorrect uniform this week, including trainers, navy jumpers, brightly-coloured socks and long-sleeved t-shirts. Our [uniform policy](#) has not changed in recent years. We ask parents to ensure that it is followed, in order to avoid children being questioned by staff and or unnecessary upset being caused. It is important that the policy is followed by all children.

## Welcome to Barley Lane!



Our first group of 40 reception children started this week and have settled in very well. They have been taking part in lots of activities and their teachers are really pleased with how the week has gone. Thank you to all parents who have supported us in the reception entry process. We look forward to meeting the next group of children on Monday!



## Reading Volunteers

### Barley Lane Needs You!

Would you like to help children learn to read?

Would you like training carried out in school to learn how to best help our children? Can you commit to being a regular, reading volunteer? If the answer to these questions is YES, please speak to either Mrs. Applegate or Mrs. Rogers who will give you details of an exciting new reading initiative starting this term.

## Parent Curriculum Meetings

Our 'Meet the Team' parent curriculum meetings begin next week. They will be informal sessions, where the team will discuss the year's curriculum and give guidance on how best to support your child at home.

The meetings will be held in the Junior Hall from **3.45 – 4.15** on the dates below. A crèche will be provided for your children in the dining hall.

**Reception** Tuesday 1st October  
**Year 1** Thursday 26th September  
**Year 2** Wednesday 25th September  
**Year 3** Tuesday 17th September  
**Year 4** Thursday 19th September  
**Year 5** Tuesday 24th September

Year 6 will be on **Monday 23rd September at 6pm** with an additional focus on application to secondary school.

## Private Tuition



Redbridge Safeguarding Children's Board have produced a guide to choosing suitable and appropriate private tutors for parents who are so inclined. Please click on the [link](#) for more information.

## Uniform Sales - Reducing Waste

As part of our efforts to reduce waste, we would ask that if you are purchasing items from the uniform shop that you please bring your own bag. New uniform will no longer be wrapped in plastic.

The shop is open every Tuesday in the tech room 9-10am.



## House Points

Buckingham Palace 95      London Eye 143  
Parliament 178              Shard 93



## Punctuality & Attendance

**Attendance** –Local Authority policy states that the Headteacher may, in exceptional circumstances, grant a Leave of Absence in term time. It is for the Headteacher to determine whether or not an absence would be an exceptional circumstance, not the parent or carer. We have been instructed by the Local Authority that fixed penalty notices of £120 per parent, per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days) will apply in the following circumstances:

- Where a child does not regularly attend school
- Where an absence is unauthorised
- Absence due to family holidays/family celebrations.

We will continue to apply a fair policy where there is genuine need, which we consider to be an exceptional circumstance or a situation that requires special consideration.

However, should the need arise we will also authorise the Local Authority to apply a fixed penalty notice.

### Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are key to educational achievement. We will continue to rigorously enforce both our attendance and punctuality policies. Parents should ensure that they must leave home in enough time to ensure their children arrive into school. If your child is persistently late arriving into school a Penalty Notice may be issued by the Local Authority.

You are reminded that children are invited into class from 8.45am each morning, the school day starts at 8.55am. Please ensure your children are collected at 3.30pm at the end of the school day. If you do experience any delays in collecting your child please notify the school office as soon as possible.

## Harvest Festival

We will be collecting donations for Redbridge Foodbank again this year, who provide emergency food and toiletries to people in crisis. We will be accepting donations from **Wednesday 18th September** ready for our Harvest Festival Assembly on Monday 30th September.

Suggested items that could be donated could include the following:

Tinned meat	Milk (UHT or Powered)
Tinned fish	Fruit juice (long life carton)
Tinned tomatoes	Pasta sauces
Tinned rice pudding	Instant mash potato
Tinned fruit	Tinned sponge pudding
Deodorant	Shower/bath gel/soap



## Key Dates for the Term

### September



- 17th Year 3 Parent curriculum meeting 3:45  
19th Year 4 Parent curriculum meeting 3:45  
23rd Year 6 Curriculum and secondary transfer 6pm  
24th Year 5 Parent curriculum meeting 3:45  
25th Year 2 Parent curriculum meeting 3:45  
26th European Day of Languages  
Year 1 Parent curriculum meeting 3:45  
27th Macmillan Coffee Morning Event 9 am  
30th Harvest Festival Assembly

### October

- 1-31 Black History Month  
3rd World Poetry Day  
9th Dyslexia awareness: No pens day  
17th Parent consultations (school closes 13:45)  
21-25 Half Term

### December

- 10th 1R & 1M Nativity 2pm  
11th 1D & 1A Nativity 2pm  
13th Yellow Class Nativity 9:30  
Blue Class Nativity 2:45  
17th Green Class Nativity 9:30  
Red Class Nativity 2:45  
19th Nursery Nativities 11am and 2:45  
20th Last Day of Term

## Key Dates for Spring and Summer

### January

- 6th INSET Day (school closed)

### March

- 19th Parent consultations (school closes 13:45)

### April

- 20th INSET Day (school closed)

### June

- 22nd Year 3 & 4 Sports day  
23rd Year 1 & 2 Sports day  
24th Year 5 & 6 Sports day  
25th EYFS Sports day

### July

- 9th Parent open evening 3:45 - 5pm  
20th INSET Day (school closed)

*Dates are subject to change.*

Term dates 2019-20 are available on our [website](#). Please see our Event Calendar for all events.