



Barley Lane Newsletter

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

Welcome Back!

Dear parents and carers



We wish you a warm welcome back to the new academic year at Barley Lane. We have really enjoyed hearing about your children's exciting summer holiday experiences and marvelling at their summer holiday projects!

We have had a very successful start to the new year and the children are settling back very nicely. A warm welcome to our new teachers: Miss Munir (1A), Miss Akhtar (3A), Mr Ahmed (4A) and Mrs Gheewala (6G). We also welcome Mrs Borowy, Mrs Howell, Miss Jones, Mrs Kypaser and Mrs Singh to our support staff team.

We look forward to meeting with you at our parent curriculum evenings throughout September and early October. Best wishes to all for a truly successful year.

Mr Henry

Headteacher

Building Update

Our site staff have been extremely busy over the summer holidays! The junior hall has been redecorated and a number of classrooms have also been redecorated and refurnished.



You may have noticed that the first floor windows along the main school entrance have been replaced. We have been successful in securing capital funding which will enable us to replace all of the windows along the front façade of the school over the coming weeks. Access to the main office may change to the car park entrance on some days. We apologise for any inconvenience and aim to cause the minimum amount of disruption to the children during the works.

Uniform Sale



The uniform shop will be open on **Tuesday 10th September 9 - 10am** in the tech room. Cash only please! Please make sure all of your children's uniform and equipment are clearly labelled with your child's full name and class, as each term unclaimed uniform that is not labelled is disposed of.

Clubs

Some clubs will be starting back next week. If your child would like attend Karate, Bollywood or Zumba Club, please collect a form from the school office. These clubs can be paid for directly to the provider or by leaving a cash payment at the office for us to pass on to them.

Our other after school clubs will be online shortly, and you can book these using your ParentsEvening system log in. If you have difficulty booking clubs please ask at the school office.



Munchies

Munchies is our break time shop for children in Year 1-6. We have a variety of healthy snacks and drinks available to buy for 20p per item. Please send your child in with the correct money (maximum 40p). Some examples of food available are: crackers and cheese, rice cakes, mini cheese, raisins and other fruits.



Parent Curriculum Meetings

We would like to welcome parents to meet their children's year group teams and members of the leadership team. It will be an informal session, 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

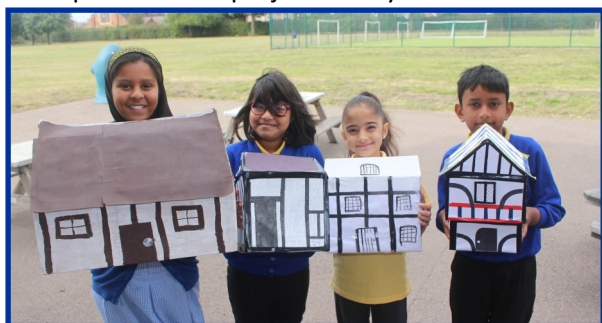
Year 6 will be on **Monday 23rd September at 6pm** with an additional focus on application to secondary school.

St Paul's Church Exhibition

St Paul's Church, Goodmayes, will be open to the public each day next week from 10 - 4. An exhibition featuring the local community and some of our year 6 children will be on display all week. This will culminate with a 'rededication ceremony' on Friday 13th, attended by these children and the mayor. Please take some time to visit the exhibition!

Talented Tudors

Children in year 5 have been busy over the holidays, making Tudor buildings and fact files to prepare for their new topic, 'Talented Tudors'. Well done to all of our families who helped with the projects. They look fantastic!



Barley Lane Music Clubs

This year our school choir will be very busy this year as they prepare for a number of amazing and inspiring concerts and Festivals.



Young Voices 2020 - London O2 Arena

On **Thursday 23rd of January**, we will take part in "The Largest school choir concert in the world" where they will sing, dance and have great fun in sharing their passion for music!

Redbrige Music Festival 2020 - Royal Albert Hall

On **Wednesday 4th of March**, 1800 children from Redbrige schools will come together to perform in what will be an unforgettable and inspiring experience. Barley Lane Choir will sing along with over 50 choirs from Redbrige accompanied by Redbrige Music School Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to these life changing music events, BLPS choir will take part in music competitions, sing in school assemblies and performing for parents.

Recorder Club:

This year recorder club will prepare for an unique Recorder Festival organised by Redbrige Music Service. During recorder sessions, children will learn a wide repertoire of pieces to perform with a live orchestra on the Festival.

Club information

Clubs to practise for the above will be starting soon for KS2 children, booking will be available shortly via Parentsevening system. More to follow.

Dinner Payments—Year 3

A reminder that if you have a child in Year 3, you will need to pay for school lunches via ParentPay.

Key Dates for the Term



September

- 9th Nursery & Reception meetings all week
- 10th Swimming at Mayfield 5J & 5F
- 12th Swimming at Mayfield 5H & 5R
- 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

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](#).

Attendance & Admissions Information

Attendance

Children are expected to attend school every day and should only be absent due to illness. Your child is expected to attend school if they have a minor cold and cough. Children who have vomiting, temperature or diarrhoea should remain at home for a further 24 hours after the symptoms have passed. All absences must be reported on the school absence line 020 8590 8474 (option 1). Any illness of 5 days or more will need to be supported by medical evidence.

All medical appointments should be arranged outside school hours. We realise this is not always possible and request that you inform the school office in advance of your child's appointment providing the necessary appointment letter/card. Children are expected to attend school before/after their appointment when possible.

Punctuality

Children are invited into class from 8.45am each morning, the school day starts at 8.55am. Please ensure your child arrives into school on time so they are prepared for their school day. Children who arrive after 8.55am should report to the school office where they will be registered with a late mark and sent through to their class. If your child is persistently late arriving into school a Penalty Notice may be issued by the Local Authority.

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.

Year 6 – Secondary School Admissions 2020

The [online application](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions) process is now open www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions

Secondary schools will be holding open evenings and you are strongly advised to attend before making your online application. We will also be inviting you to a parent curriculum meeting on Monday 23 September at 6pm where an additional focus will be on application to secondary school. We would encourage all parents to attend. Further information will be circulated next week.

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.

ESOL Community English Course

If you would like to improve your English, please come along to our ESOL enrolment morning on **Monday 23rd September 9.15-11.15am.**

There will be tutors available to assess if the course is right for you, and if not they will be able to find you a course that is suitable.

To register your interest or for more information please see Mrs Applegate at the school office.

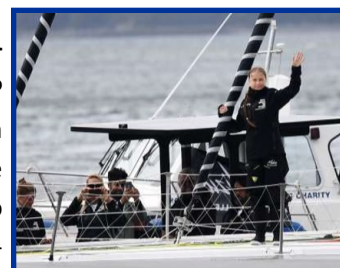


Picture News

at Home

Are our actions more important than our words?

Environmental activist, Greta Thunberg, set sail from the UK, on a 2-week journey to attend the UN climate summits in New York and Chile.



Fans gathered to wave her off on her voyage across the Atlantic. The 16 year-old made a speech ahead of departing from Plymouth on a solar-powered racing yacht with underwater turbines. Greta said she was dedicated "to do everything I can" to tackle climate change which is a "very big problem".

Things to talk about at home with your child:

Why do you think Greta chose to sail to the event instead of flying?

Do you think it was the right thing for her to do? Why?

What do you think would have been hard about travelling in a small boat for 2-weeks?