

Barley Lane Newsletter

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

Election School Closure

School will be closed to children for UK Parliamentary

General Election that has been called for 12th December. We will be discussing democracy over the coming weeks in lessons, assemblies and circle times.



Reading Challenge

Since September 2019 classes in KS2 have been taking part in a Reading Challenge based on the books they have read for pleasure both in and outside school. Children have been recording the

school. Children have been recording the amount of books they have read, writing a comment about it and then achieving a sticker for every five books they have read.



Beginning Monday 4th November children in KS1 and Foundation stage will also get the opportunity to take part. In KS1 children must read <u>5 books</u> to earn a sticker AND produce a short piece of work from home to prove they've read the book. In Foundation Stage children must read <u>3 books</u> to earn a sticker. Parents must sign the Reading Record Log for every new book children have read.

In each class the child who has the most at the end of the term will win a prize. Good Luck!



We have been learning about Diwali this week, with special infant and junior assemblies and activities in class. Year 6 children have been writing about Sikh Diwali and Hindu Diwali. Year 3 children are looking forward to their Mandir visit later this month.

We hope that those of you who celebrated Diwali had a joyful week.



Lost Property/ Nearly New Uniform Sale

Grab a bargain next Tuesday 9-10am in the tech room at our Nearly New Uniform Sale. We will also have lost property boxes for you to look through if your child has lost clothing or other items. Wherever possible, please label all your children's items with their full name and class.

Morning Chess Club

There's still time to book your child's place at KS2 Chess Club starting Wednesday morning 8am on November 6th.

Please drop your child at the main entrance.

This Week's Picture News



Is it ever acceptable to intervene with nature?

Antarctica's Emperor penguin's future is in danger over the course of the next 80 years if the climate warms as expected. One documentary team filming the birds made a decision to dig an escape ramp in deadly cold temperatures to save a group of penguins trapped with their young. They would probably have perished without any help.

Things to talk about at home...

Do you think the filmmakers made the right choice to help the penguins escape? Why?

Do you think the role of wildlife programmes is to just record what they see, so we are able to see what happens in nature or do you think it's right for them to step in if animals need help?

Can you think of times when it wouldn't be right to intervene with animals in the wild?

Dr Bike - Free Bike Repairs

Dr Bike will be here next week on the following days:

Monday 4th - Year 5

Thursday 7th - Year 6

Dr Bike will service as many bikes as possible and will advise if anything bigger needs doing.

Attendance

week commencing 14/10/19 - 94.69%

KS1 - 98.28% KS2 - 4S - 100%

Welcome to the following children who have recently joined our school

Nasia Saikrish Valeriu

Vunara Denis





PE Kit

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.

Dates For Your Diary

November

4th Year 5 Dr Bike

7th 3H Class Assembly 9am

Phonics and writing workshop Reception 3.45-4.30pm

Year 6 Dr Bike

Thames River Workshop 5F & 5J

8th Iroko Theatre - all year groups

River Workshop 5R & 5H

8th Phonics Workshop Year 1 3.45-4.20pm

14th 5R Class Assembly 9am

18th Globe Theatre Visit 5F & 5H

18th Bikeability Year 6

21st 4C Class Assembly 9am

22nd Globe Theatre Visit 5R & 5J

25th Hadleigh Country Park Visit 4N & 4C

26th Hadleigh Country Park Visit 4S & 4A

27th Mandir Visit - 3B & 3A

28th 5J Class Assembly 9am

28th Mandir Visit-3H & 3G

December

Diary Dates

5th 4S Class Assembly 9am

10th 1R & 1M Nativity 2pm

11th 1D & 1A Nativity 2pm

12th Election Day (school closed to children)

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)

May

8th Bank Holiday (school closed)

<u>June</u>

22nd Year 3 & 4 Sports day

23rd Year 1 & 2 Sports day

24th Year 5 & 6 Sports day

25th EYFS Sports day

<u>July</u>

9th Parent open evening 3:45 - 5pm

20th INSET Day (school closed.