



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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

**Wishing our school community a happy new year and all the best for 2020!**

## Our Spring Curriculum



As we continue to develop and improve our curriculum, in line with school values, please take a look on the school's [website](#) for your children's topics for the term.

So many exciting topics and opportunities are planned for our children, from Fairy Tales to Islands of the World, and we will be continuing with the school's vision of learning through high quality learning experiences. Some of the visits will include: Colchester Castle, the British Museum and Colchester Zoo.



All of our topics include a big question, aimed at making us all think deeper, such as: Is there life on Mars? and Would you like to live forever? Why not talk to your children to find out their initial thoughts and ask them later in the term to see how their thinking is developing!



Further information is available on the school website.

## Chess Club

Our before school Chess Club will now be open for years 1-6.



The club runs every Wednesday morning 8-8.45am. To book please contact the Chess Club providers directly.

[www.premierchesscoaching.com/pay](http://www.premierchesscoaching.com/pay)

## SATs Meeting Year 2

There will be a SATs meeting for parents of children in Year 2 on Tuesday 28th January 3.00-3.30pm in the junior hall.

## Cycling Events



Learn to Ride sessions for some children in Reception - Year 3 will be taking place next week. Bikes and helmets will be provided by the school, but please make sure your child has a warm waterproof jacket as sessions will take place in the playground during the school day.

## Attendance & Information for Nursery Parents

Parents are reminded that children should attend school every day. If your child is ill and too unwell to attend school then the absence **must** be reported on the school absence line on the first day of absence. **Tel: 020 8590 8474 (Option 1).**

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day then **advance notice** must be given. Please notify the school if your child has an appointment first thing in the morning and if necessary **ensure that their lunch option for the day is also ordered.** This must be done **before 9.15am.** All appointments during the school day must be supported by appointment cards/letters. Children are expected to return to school after attending morning appointments and attend in the morning if their appointment is later on in the school day.

Any absences of 5 days or more will require medical evidence to ensure the absence is authorised. Please ensure that this is available to give to the office if your child is unwell as failure to provide may result in the absence not being authorised.

If you intend to take your child out of school during term time then you must notify the Headteacher in writing. We follow the Redbridge Attendance Strategy and there is zero tolerance for holidays during term time. Holiday requests **will not** be authorised.

**The Education Welfare Officer (EWO)** will be informed of any unauthorised absences and you may be liable to a **£120 Penalty Notice (per parent)** being issued. Unauthorised absence of 10 days or more may lead to a child being removed from the school roll.

### Primary School Reception 2020 - Information for Nursery Parents

Your child's birthday should fall between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

The deadline for online applications is **Wednesday 15 January 2020**

## Corridor Transformation

Our dining hall corridor has been transformed this week by Alessandra Tortone, a visiting artist, with the help of some pupils and parents from across the school.



Back in the autumn term, we had a creative workshop with pupils and parents where our ideas were pooled and we decided on the theme of 'our local area'. This week, the ideas came to life and the children have been over the moon to see a bright new corridor mural. Well done to everyone involved!



## School Photos

A reminder that the school photographer will be coming to school next Wednesday 15th January to take individual and siblings photographs.

Please ensure your child is wearing full uniform!

## Birthday Treats

We have always appreciated how kind and generous our parents are in providing birthday treats for their child's classmates to celebrate their child's birthday. However towards the end of autumn term, we were receiving a large number of treats containing nuts, gelatine and many of which had too high a sugar content. Some of the treats were also unmanageable for class teachers to distribute.



Going forward, ***we will not be accepting anything other than a small box of chocolates*** (preferably Heroes) for birthday treats for the class to celebrate your child's birthday. These are both free from gelatine, and do not take too much time to distribute to the children. ***We would appreciate if our staff were not put in the difficult position of having to refuse anything other than chocolates.*** This will also cause upset to your children on their birthday.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## ESOL for Adults Course

We will shortly be enrolling for ESOL (Adult English Classes) to start at the beginning of February. If you are interested in joining or would like further information please register your interest at the school office.



## Dates For Your Diary

### January

- 13th Learn to Ride Reception/Year1
- 14th Learn to Ride Reception/Year1
- 13th Digital Technologies Course for Parents starts 9am
- 15th Individual & Siblings Photographs
- 15th Learn to Ride Year 2 & 3
- 16th Learn to Ride Year 2 & 3
- 16th KUWTC Course starts 12.45pm
- 20th Balance Bikes all week Nursery/Reception
- 22nd Chill Out With Your Child Course starts 3.30pm
- 23rd O2 Young Voices Concert
- 27th Balance Bikes all Week Nursery/Reception
- 27th Holocaust Memorial Day
- 28th Year 2 SATs Meeting Junior hall 3-3.30pm
- 29th Visit to Colchester Castle Year 4
- 29th Hearing & Vision tests Reception Children
- 29th RE Workshop Year 3
- 30th 5F Class Assembly 9am

### February

- 3rd Maths Week
- 4th Road safety Show Year 5
- 5th Parent Forum meeting 5.30-6.30pm
- 6th Class Assembly 4A 9am
- 9th Science Week
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 27th Book Bus 8am-4pm
- 28th Book Bus 8am-4pm

### March

- 5th STEM Magic Show Reception/Year 1
- 5th World Book Day (*Non Uniform Day*)
- 9th Science Week
- 12th Class Assembly 5H 9am
- 19th Parents Consultation Evening from 2pm (school closes 13.45pm)
- 25th Parent Forum Meeting 9am
- 26th Class Assembly 3G 9am

### April

- 2nd Autism Awareness Day
- 3rd Last day of Spring Term
- 20th INSET Day



## Special Events

- Holocaust Memorial Day - 27th January
- Maths Week - Week beginning 3rd February
- Safer Internet Day - 11th February
- World Book Day - 5th March (*Non Uniform Day*)
- Science Week - Week beginning 9th March
- Autism awareness Day - 2nd April





**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Burger in a Bun with  
Homemade Tomato Relish & Hand Cut Potato Wedges**

**Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with  
Homemade Tomato Relish & Hand Cut Potato Wedges V**

**Sweetcorn & BBQ Coleslaw V**

**Jacket Potato  
with Grated Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise**

**Carrot Cake with Custard V**

**Fresh Fruit Platter, Fresh Yoghurt V**

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD