



Barley Lane Newsletter

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

Dear parents and carers

I hope you have had a good week. The children continue to settle back into school life! Welcome to Miss Khatun, who teaches 5K this year and Mrs Imtiaz who joins our support staff team.

We were sorry to say farewell to our Year 1 children on Monday; Public Health England guidance was followed to ensure the safety of the school community. The children are due back next week, and we have had no further reported pupil or staff covid cases. We hope that the Year 1 children enjoyed their zoom lessons, and communicating with their teachers via email. A letter will be sent to parents today with clear guidance on symptoms and self-isolation.

I have really missed the regular Friday morning Achievement Assembly recently, but look forward to announcing the Workers of the Week via zoom to the children this afternoon! Our newsletter will be published fortnightly this year and we hope you continue to find it informative. Have a restful weekend and stay safe.

Mr Henry



Reading Books

Children can take reading books home on Friday. Please return your child's reading book by **Monday each week**. This is to ensure that health and safety measures are being followed: the books will then be quarantined for 72 hours before they can be redistributed. If your child has taken a long chapter book, they can bring it back the following Monday.

Congratulations to Mrs Hamid who recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. They are both doing very well and we wish them all the best!



Welcome to the Early Years!

Some of our new nursery and reception children were welcomed to school this week! Our fabulous Early Years team enjoyed getting to know the children and they settled very well!

Could we remind parents to bring in spare clothes, colouring pencils and water bottles, and if you have any library books from last term we would be grateful if they could be returned.

Early Birds Club returns next Monday at 8am. Parents who expressed interest through our survey have been informed.



If you have not booked a place for your child next week they will not be able to attend.

Housepoints

Our House Points winners this week are

London Eye
101 points.



KEEP REDBRIDGE SAFE London Borough of Redbridge

Redbridge COVID-19 cases are among the highest in London

ACT NOW TO AVOID A LOCAL LOCKDOWN

Remember the **government rules** to help fight Coronavirus:

- Keep **2m** apart whenever possible
- Wash or sanitise your hands **regularly**
- Wear a **face covering** when around others you don't live with
- If unwell, **don't visit** elderly or vulnerable relatives
- If you have symptoms, **get tested**
- It is illegal** to meet people you do not live with in a group larger than **SIX** (from 14 September 2020)

Remember the golden rules of #Hands Face Space. For more information [click here](#).

School Bags

There has been an increase in the number of large, colourful backpacks being taken to school by the children. **The children do not need them.**

Children should only bring their coat, a packed lunch and water bottle each day. Pencil cases are not allowed as we provide individual stationery packs to each child.

Homework sheets are uploaded to the [website](#) and given out on Friday but we are not taking homework 'back' into school this half term, with the exception of Y6's English lesson home reading.

As of Monday, any such bags arriving will be sent home with parents when dropping off. Thank you for your co-operation.



Late Lunches

In order to continue reducing the number of visitors on site and to the office, our policy of not accepting late packed lunches will continue. If a child has forgotten to take their lunch to school, we will make sure that they receive a school dinner, which can be paid for using ParentPay.

Online Family Learning Parents in Reception, Year 1 & 2

Keeping Up with the Children
Maths

Redbridge
Institute
community learning
and skills



@ BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Online course provided by
Redbridge Institute

- Do you want to learn how to support your child with maths?
- You will increase and improve your own knowledge and understanding of how and what children learn in numeracy lessons at school.
- You will also have the opportunity to refresh your own numeracy skills and knowledge.

Thursday
8 October 2020

11 weeks

9.30am-11.30am*

*online class start and finish time can be adjusted to cater for school drop off and pick up.



Please click on the link to book: [DR2904 KUWTC Maths](#)

Birthday Treats

Unfortunately we can't accept any birthday treats for children to share with friends this half term. Children who have birthdays will continue to receive a special pencil and birthday sticker.



Our Curriculum

Our autumn topic webs and curriculum overviews for the year are available on our [website](#)



Purple Mash

All KS1 and KS2 children will have received their log-in to Purple Mash by next week. Please practise [logging in](#) at home as it will play a key part in our 'Remote Learning' policy should further bubble closures occur. There is a useful [Parent Blog](#) with tips and ideas on how to support at home.



How can we help those without a home?

For many of us a home is a place where you feel safe, loved and protected and it provides us with the things we need. Sadly, not everyone has a home but there are ways we can help. A number of charities, including Streets Kitchen and the Glass Door Homeless Charity, are campaigning for empty commercial buildings to become makeshift shelters this winter. They are predicting that there will be an increase in the number of people who become homeless over the coming weeks and months due to increases in job losses caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Things to discuss at home with your children:

Why do you think the winter is an important time for homeless people to find shelter?

