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# Barham Primary Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Dates for your diary:

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4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School starts for children
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Half term
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School closed for Hindu New Year

*RRS Article 28: Children have the right to a good quality education and should be encourage to go to school to the highest level they can*

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year. It has been a busy year and I hope you have been keeping up to date on everything the children have been doing on our Twitter feed.

This term we are saying goodbye to some of our staff: Miss Stockwell, Miss Patel, Miss Bunting, Mr Tarbit and Miss Shackelford. We thank them all for their dedicated service to our school.

Please encourage your children to complete any holiday homework they have been given. You will find additional resources, links and ideas on our website.

The children attended the 'Summer Reading Challenge' assembly last week – please see further information about this in this newsletter.

There is also important information about swimming, both as a national curriculum requirement and information about taking your child swimming during the holidays to prepare them for next academic year.

Please take a look at our KS1 and KS2 SATs comparative reports. Well done to all the children who sat exams, we are proud of you all!

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break

Karen Giles  
Headteacher



## Attendance and Punctuality

Having excellent attendance and punctuality is crucial to your child's success at Barham. Every child should aim to consistently improve. The expectation is that children are in school EVERY DAY. Please look at your child's attendance record on their report and aim to improve on this next academic year.

This week's classes with top attendance **5R 98% 1D 98%**



Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that our children continued to be inspired to achieve their best. Below are some of the highlights for this academic year:

**Reception results**  
**2018**

70% achieved a Good Level of development

**Year 1 Phonics Screen**  
**Check 2018**

83% achieved a Good Level of development

Key Stage 1 Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school (2018) Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally (2017)

English reading 76% 76%

English writing 71% 68%

Mathematics 77% 75%

Science 84% 83%

Key stage 2	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally <sup>1</sup>	Average scaled score: school <sup>1</sup>	Average scaled score: nationally <sup>1</sup>
English reading	73%	75%	103	105
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	83%	78%	108	106
Mathematics	79%	76%	106	104
English writing (teacher assessment)	78%	78%	N/A	N/A
Science (teacher assessment)	81%	82% (2017 data) <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A



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## Brent Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is here again! This year the theme is Mischief Makers, inspired by Dennis the Menace and Beano comics. To complete the challenge children must **read six books** over the summer while playing games, solving puzzles and picking up prizes along the way. Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis the Menace, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues.

As well as the challenge itself we will be putting on [themed events and activities](#). This fantastic programme includes theatre, art and craft workshops and fun learning activities. It's all about stimulating the imagination, children gaining confidence, and discovering new talents and skills. The events are **free** for library members who have borrowed books on event day but some events do need to be booked in advance so double check our brochure or go to

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/libraries/events-in-brent-libraries/>

Our challenge runs [until 1 September](#). The challenge is aimed at children aged 4 – 12.



### A MESSAGE TO OUR YEAR 6 LEAVERS

*Today, we say goodbye and good luck to the first cohort of 120 children in year 6- the class of 2018. What a fabulous year you have had, filled with lots of learning, memorable trips, a fantastic set of SAT's results, a fantastic sun drenched weekend away in the Isle of Wight and two magical, marvellous productions of Aladdin. You all have worked incredibly hard this year and we have been very lucky to have been able to say we taught the kindest, most hard working children all year round.*

*We wish you all the best of luck at your new secondary schools and encourage you to make the most of all the good opportunities that will come your way. Please remember everything you have learnt in your time here at Barham, not just academically but also the lessons on how to be good citizens, how to keep safe and how to always strive for excellence. We shall miss you all and will hold your memories close in our hearts. Please stay in touch as you will always remain part of our Barham family!*

*Good luck in everything you do! Our best wishes,*

*Ms Giles, Ms Ranavaya, all the year 6 team and everyone here at Barham.*

## + Swimming at Barham



- Children receive paid swimming lessons in Year 4
- It is a statutory requirement. The government states in the national curriculum that primary aged children should be taught to:

*'swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance or up to at least 25 metres.'*

### How Parents and Guardians can help

- Visit your local Swimming Pool...IT'S GREAT FUN!
- Vale Farm Sports Centre, Wembley – our local pool
- Only £2.50 per child – with an accompanying adult
- Children under 5 years old go free!
- Vale Farm offer **CHEAP** weekly private lessons
- Children who start swimming early (**ideally Year 3**)  
**ACHIEVE 25 METRES CONFIDENTLY!**
- **REMEMBER** swimming is an **IMPORTANT LIFE SKILL!**

More information will come to you when your child is in year 4



## + Swimming Information



- Vale Farm, Watford Rd, Wembley, 020 8908 6545

- Click the '**Parent**' tab on the school website, for more information on private lessons and General Advice / Health & Safety Advice for swimming from the **NHS**



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