



Welcome to BARLEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 26th April 2024
Summer Term 1
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Our value this term is
Reflection

Dear Parent/Carer

This week has passed by swiftly and the children are fully settled into the new term. We were delighted to welcome our Chair of Governors, Will White, into school this week where he spent time with many children gaining pupil voice about provision at Barley Hill. Listening to his positive feedback about this experience, the pupil's engagement with him as a visitor and the responses by the children has been a highlight of the week. We are looking forward to multiple members of the Governing Body joining us for a Science Learning Walk later in the term.

Star of the Week

Our Stars of the Week and Attendance Cup winners for this week are listed below, congratulations to you all!

EYFS – Evie, Louie & Alfie	
Year 1 – Ted, Wilbur & Myles	Year 5 – Jake, Samuel & Pippa
Year 2 – Rowan, Ayah & Katie	Year 6 – Saisaran & Flora
Year 3 – Darcy & Jasmine	EYFS/KS1 Attendance Cup – Caterpillars & Hamsters (100%)
Year 4 – Rory, Tommy & Evie	KS2 Attendance Cup – Rhinos (99.2%)

Welcome to Mr Waters

We would like to extend a special welcome to Mr Waters who joined us at the start of this term as Assistant Headteacher, Yr6 Team Lader and Teacher of Yr6 Panthers Class. We are delighted that he has joined our team and all children have made him feel exceptionally welcome during his initial two weeks as part of our staff team. I know that many of you have met Mr Waters either before school or after school within the school grounds and on the gate, and have shared with staff the positive and warm welcome you have received. We are delighted to have Mr Waters as a member of our school community.

Phonics in Year One

In Year 1, children have been learning the /or/ sound and /air/ sound as in fort, straw, water, swarm, Paul, tall and bear, stairs and where.

Easter Experience at the Church



At the Easter Experience, pupils wrote prayers on crosses. The church have informed me that they have kept these and that they will be lifting these to God in prayer in the All-Age service on Sunday 12th May. They have asked that I inform parents that they welcome the children and their families attending the service to witness this process.

The church have also shared the details displayed here of a session for children during the half term break.

Save the Date – Open Afternoons Summer Term

Our Marvellous Monday and Terrific Tuesday are returning this term, this is an opportunity for you to come into school to learn alongside your child and for them to showcase their

learning from the term. The open sessions commence at 2.00pm on the allocated afternoon for your child's year group – Please add the following dates to your diary and additional detail will follow closer to the time:

Marvellous Monday: 20th May 2.00pm – Reception and Key Stage One

Terrific Tuesday: 21st May 2.00pm – Key Stage Two

A Message from Mrs Harding – Forest School

We are currently working on a plan to rejuvenate our school 'Forest School' area - We are hoping to add some new trees, flowering plants, shrubs and herbs to the area. Our twin aims in doing this are to extend the flora in the area and as a practical planting exercise for the children during their Forest School lessons. We have already begin planting wildflower seeds and are hoping to see growth soon!

To facilitate this activity, I am writing to ask if you would be willing to donate a plant (or plants) to the school for planting in Forest School. We would be grateful for any plant donations at all, but we are particularly looking for:

- Willow (ideally Osier)
- Heathers
- Lavendar
- Rosemary

If you would be willing to donate a plant, or plants, to Forest School, please email me on Tadpoles2023@barley-hill.oxon.sch.uk or come to either the Tadpoles or Ladybirds exterior classroom doors at drop off or collection and ask for me. We are excited to develop the area further to create a wonderful natural environment for the children to access!

Monday 6th May

A polite reminder that Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday and therefore school is closed on this day.

As always, myself and all staff value parental engagement and very much want to work in partnership for the benefit of your child. Please do make an appointment to speak to the Class Teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Kind regards

Mrs Gemma Penny
Headteacher

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Week Beginning 13th May – Yr6 SATs Week

Monday 20th May at 2.00pm – Reception and KS1
Marvellous Monday

Tuesday 21st May at 2.00pm – KS2 Terrific Tuesday

