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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Easter Service – Wednesday 23rd March 2pm

We will re-tell the Easter Story and reflect on this term's values of 'Compassion and Kindness' through drama, readings, songs and prayers led by children throughout the school. Each year at the Easter service, we present each child in the Reception Class with a copy of a Story Bible to keep and enjoy at home. These Bibles are partly funded through a donation from St Barnabas Parochial Church Council (PCC). We hope that you will be able to join us for this service.

Egg Decorating Competition: 21st March to 23rd March

Children are once again invited to decorate an egg (hard boiled please) and bring them in to school during the last week of school to be displayed in the library area. Judging will take place after school on Wednesday 23rd so entries need to be in by the end of this day. We encourage children to do as much of the design and making as possible, using junk materials and with minimum input from adults. Each year we are so amazed by the wonderful designs and I'm sure that children will impress us again this year.

Good Work Assembly will take place at 9am on Thursday 24th March. At this assembly we will be announcing the winners of the Egg Decorating Competition, holding the draw for attendance prizes (all children with 96%+ attendance will be entered into the draw) and saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Christison as this will be her last day. We will be very sad to see her go but we know her new school, Naburn, is very lucky to be getting such a great new Headteacher.

During the last week of term YOYO will lead a special Easter Assembly in school as well as workshops for several classes.

Replacement for Mrs Christison

In the next few weeks, we will be interviewing for a new Deputy Headteacher to start in September 2016 and I will let you know more details of this appointment as soon as I can. Mrs Abbot, who has done regular teaching cover for us recently, will take over Mrs Christison's teaching commitment after Easter until the summer break. You will have an opportunity to meet her before Easter as she will be on the playground at the end of the day with Mrs Mann on Tuesday 22nd March.

End of term themed lunch

As detailed in the recent newsletter, on the last day of term, we will be having a special lunch of burgers (meat or veggie) and fries, followed by Easter cake (not smoothie cups as stated on the previous newsletter). The whole school will sit down together for this lunch as we do at Christmas so we hope that most children will choose to have lunch as it makes for a really happy occasion.

Sport Relief

Please keep collecting Sponsor Money for the sponsored mile around the school grounds on Friday 18th March. Remember that children can wear their sports clothes to school on this day for a £1 donation.

School Uniform

Whilst most children look very smart in their correct school uniform, there are some items being worn to school that are not uniform (coloured shoes, other coloured jumpers) so please take the opportunity during the Easter break to check your child's uniform.

Attached is the detail contained in our prospectus about uniform, which has been the same since all the current children started school, so hopefully it is not new information. Whilst it doesn't state this in the information, trousers should be school uniform type, not leggings/jean/chino style. Families of children entitled to free school meals/ pupil premium have received a £20 voucher this year to help with uniform costs and we have some second hand items of clothing in school so please ask us if you would like some of this.

Children should have a change of clothing and footwear for PE for hygiene and safety reasons. Older children who like to play football at playtimes may change into their trainers at playtime but should change back into their school shoes once playtime has finished. This also means that they have a clean pair of shoes for when their trainers get muddy from the grass.

Make up and coloured lip balms should not be worn at all, even on non-uniform days.

Wearing the agreed uniform helps to show that everyone is an equal member of St Barnabas School community so please support us with this.

School closes for the Easter break on Thursday 24th March and re-opens for children on Monday 11th April. The Out of School Club will be open every day except Good Friday and Easter Monday as well as on 23rd June when we are closed.

Have a lovely Easter break and let's hope the sun shines!

With best wishes



Miss K Boardman
Headteacher