



# St Barnabas News

16<sup>th</sup> May 2016

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

## School Lunches

Everyone should have a paper copy of the menu that changed at the beginning of this term. This is also displayed on our website, the playground notice board and on a new board in the library area, where you can also find large copies of the daily menu. We are encouraging children to look at the menu daily and think about the choices available. It is helpful if you also do this at home as, if children do not like either of the hot choices, they need to order a sandwich at registration time. They cannot order a sandwich when they arrive at the counter at lunchtime. This term we are offering picnic bags which children can take outside to eat if they like. We welcome your feedback on the menu so please let us know what you think.



## Reporting your child's absence

When a child is absent, we have to record a reason and ask that you report an absence to the office by 9am.

If we do not hear from you, we will contact you to follow this up. If you do not respond by letting us know a reason, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

## Rewarding Good Behaviour

On Friday we have been invited to take a group of 20 KS2 children to Jamie's for breakfast. Teachers have chosen children at random from those who have good attendance, with no unauthorised absences, and show consistently good attitudes to learning and behaviour.

## Cashless Payments

After the half term break, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June we are moving to a cashless system for school meal payments. **This means that school lunches need to be paid for via Parent Pay**, an easy to use online payment site which many of you are using. Payment still needs to be made before lunches are taken and lunches cost £2.05.

If you have lost your individual login details for Parent Pay, please speak to the school office as soon as possible, who will give you a print out of your details. Cash payments can be agreed for parents who do not have online payment facilities – please speak to the office if you need this.

From September, we will be moving to cashless payments for other school activities such as swimming and trips.

## PTA News

It was good to see a couple of new members at the meeting this week. Remember to put your ideas in the suggestions box in the entrance. Fundraisers coming up soon are:

- Bags 2 School collection by Monday morning
- Non-uniform and cake sale next Friday (£1 and cake donations please)
- Ice creams for sale on Fridays in June.

Please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June



## Giant Money Worm

Next Thursday we will be creating a giant money 'worm' on the floor around school for Christian Aid. Children are asked to bring in small change (1p, 2p, 5p, 10ps) to create this. Money raised will allow Christian Aid to support families in Bangladesh to plant and grow more food and create worm farms to make good compost which will help the plants to grow. Well done for raising £700 on the sponsored mile in March. This money will be shared equally between Sport Relief and school funds to support sporting activities in school.



Next Tuesday, Olympic swimmer, Chris Cook will visit school to talk to the children in assembly and lead a PE lesson for Anderson class. Maybe he will inspire some future Olympians at St Barnabas?



Well done to the group of Year 3 and 4 children who raised £90 for Cancer Research by organising and running a stall after school. They kindly donated their own toys and made delicious cakes to sell.

### Time for Prayer and Reflection

Everyone enjoyed the Prayers Spaces Day at St Barnabas Church last week. Children took part in different simple activities to help them to pray and reflect on a range of themes in the different 'zones' all of which promoted spiritual development. The huge bubble tube was a favourite as it reminded us of our prayers going up to God. Thanks to YOYO and members of St Barnabas Church for leading these activities.

Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous cooked breakfast each morning of their SATs week, which hopefully helped keep concentration levels high! Thanks to our cook, Donna, for coming in early to prepare this and thanks to Chartwells for subsidising the cost.

### Shakespeare Festival

Well done to the budding actors in Shakespeare Class who gave a stunning performance of a scene from *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare at the Theatre Royal last week. They worked amazingly hard over the last few months to understand and learn the actual language of the play and decide how to act it out. This project came about as a result of our three year partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company's Learning and Performance Network. Year 6 children have staged these performances in the last two years so we were particularly impressed by the way in which Year 4 and 5 children rose to this challenge.

## Dates Summer 2016

Date	Event
23/5	Bags 2 School Collection
24/5	Visit from Olympian (swimmer), Chris Cook
26/5	Bring in small change for Christian Aid giant money worm
27/5	Non-uniform day - £1 donation to PTA. Cake sale after school (please send donations of cake/biscuits) Break up for half term
6/6	School reopens for children
9/6	2.15pm St Barnabas Day / Faith Leaders Thanksgiving Service at Church
10/6	Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Lunch and dressing up. Children are invited to dress up in a royal theme or costumes reflecting a decade of the last 90 years.
<b>Wk 13/6</b>	<b>Year 1 phonics screening- please do not book holidays/appointments this week.</b>
14/6	8:45-9am Parents in Class Sessions. Key Stage 2 Classes Edison – tree planting in the school grounds. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing/shoes.
16/6	8:45-9am Parents in Class Sessions. Edison (year 2) Class
20/6	Author (Andy Seed) visit to school. Books for sale at end of day.
22/6	Year 6 out at York University all day (more info to follow)
23/6	<b>School closed for Polling.</b> St Barnabas Holiday Club open.
28/6 -4/7	Half price book fair
30/6	Non-uniform day - £1 donation to PTA. Cake sale after school (please send donations of cake/biscuits)
5/7	Simmonds class to Pizza Express
6/7	Year 6 out at high schools all day
8/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day
15/7	Am – Key Stage 2 Spelling Bee Competition Reports out
20/7	Whole school visit to Lotherton Hall
21/7	Evening Leaver's Disco (R/KS1 6-7pm, KS2 7:30-8:45pm)
22/7	1:30pm Leaver's Service                      School closes for summer.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016	Children return to school