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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year at St Barnabas. The children have come back with really positive and enthusiastic attitudes and looking really smart in their new uniforms. A really warm welcome to the new starters who have made a brilliant start this morning and lunchtime. We are really proud of them all.

We are really pleased with the new improved school building: two new KS2 classrooms, huge new kitchen and outdoor learning area for the Reception and Year 1 children. There has also been a lot of redecoration over the summer so school looks fantastic.

There will be more information to follow in the next few days about all the exciting activities that we have planned this year but I wanted to let you know about a few events that are happening very soon.

Thursday 17th September - morning: Individual school photographs. These will be taken by a company called Braiswick photographers who come highly recommended to us by other schools. More information about this will follow.

Thursday 17th September – 2:15pm: School Harvest Service at Church.

This year we are supporting an organisation called Besom. This is a national organisation, of which there is a base in York. Besom works to create links with the local community by making it easier for people to give by offering time, money, skills, and gift packs.

We are asking for donations of new or clean, good quality second hand items that can be used to make up a variety of these gift packs, which will then be delivered to people across York who are in need of those items. They are made for those recently rehoused, new mums, those with little/no food and/or those who've just moved into a hostel.

- [Cooking Pack](#): A pack with all the essentials for cooking a healthy meal.
- [Bathroom Pack](#): A pack of toiletries for a bit of pampering for men or women.
- [Recently Rehoused Rucksack](#): A rucksack filled with things for those who have been recently either rehoused or released from prison.
- [Bursting Baby Bath](#): A baby bath/Moses basket filled with all things a new mum needs.
- [Kitchen Starter Pack](#): A washing up bowl filled with all the essential kitchen items - suitable for a person just moving into a new flat or hostel.
- [Cleaning Kit](#): A pack of cleaning items.
- [Dining Starter Pack](#): A set of eating essentials.

- [Bedding Bale](#): A stack of fresh bedding and towels.

The best thing about this is everything that you donate will be genuinely welcomed and used by families in the locality.

We ask you to send into school any items that could be included in one of these gift packs. Please bring any items that you would like to donate to the school entrance by Wednesday 16th September so that we have time to make up some hampers for the Harvest Service.

If you are available to come and help organise the hampers on the afternoon on 16th September then please let the office know.

Also if you have any boxes (slightly larger than a shoebox size) that we could use please send them into school with your items.

We hope that you will join us for the Harvest Service and contribute an item to the gift packs so that together we will be able to support lots of families and people in need across the city.



School lunches

Your child will be bringing home a copy of the new lunch menu tonight or tomorrow. We are on week 1.

As you can see there are still two delicious hot lunch choices as well as a sandwich choice each day. Lunches remain the same price – free for children upto the end of Year 2 and £2 per day (payable in advance) for KS2 children.

To go with our new look kitchen and dining room, we are introducing plates and dishes for the children to eat from, rather than the plastic 'flight trays' that we have been using. Some children have begun to use them today and think that they are great!

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Miss K Boardman
Headteacher