



Christmas at St Barnabas!

2nd December 2015

Christmas is approaching fast, so we would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our preparations so far and events happening in the next few weeks that will help us to celebrate this special time of year.

PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 4th December 3pm

Have fun on the tombola and the other games. Enjoy some tasty refreshments and do a spot of Christmas shopping from the variety of stalls at our Christmas fair in the hall. There are amazing raffle prizes to win so make sure you buy your tickets!

Theatre Performance – Tuesday 8^h December

Riding Lights Theatre Company will be performing their Christmas Production 'Nearly the Goat' in school. These performances are always excellent and much enjoyed by everyone.

YOYO Christmas Assemblies and Lessons

Lifeline from the Rock Church will be leading a 'Christmas Extravaganza' here this Friday morning and York Youth Trust will be leading assembly and lessons for Year 1 and Year 4 on Friday 11th December. The children always really enjoy these visits.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 15th December

We are all looking forward to having this special meal together. We will assume that all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and other KS2 children entitled to a free school meal will be having a lunch. If you usually pay for meals, please return the slip below if your child would like Christmas Dinner. If your child needs a vegetarian option please write this on the slip.

Christmas Party Lunch

On party day (see below) we will be having a special party lunch with a great selection of party food including sandwiches, sausage rolls, popcorn, ice cream and cakes. As with Christmas dinner, this lunch needs to be ordered via the slip below if you usually pay for lunches.

Please ensure that the slip below is returned by Monday 7th December and payment is made by 15th December at the latest.

Christmas Party

This will be on Wednesday 16th December from 1 – 3pm. The children can wear their own clothes on that day. As we are having a party lunch, children do not need to bring donations of food as usual. We hope that Father Christmas might also pay us a visit if he is in the area.....

Clubs

Next week is the last week for clubs. No clubs will run in the last week of term. New club information will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

Christmas Dinner and Party Lunch – Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December

This only needs to be completed if you usually pay for lunches (please return by Monday 7th Dec)

My child(name) would like the following at a cost of £2 each.

Christmas Dinner

Party Lunch

Payment must be made before these lunches are taken. Thanks.

Carol Singing at Barleyfields – Thursday 10th December

Our choir will entertain the OAPs at Barleyfields Sheltered Housing on Shipton Road with some Christmas carols next Thursday morning. If your child is in the choir, please ensure that they wrap up warm on this day and they are welcome to bring Christmas hats/tinsel to wear. If you would like to come and help/sing along please let Miss Boardman know.

Carol Singing on the Playground

The choir will be doing some festive 'busking' on the playground (weather permitting) from 2:50-3:10pm next Monday and Thursday. They are collecting funds to help to pay for the cost of the coach to the Young Voices concert which they are taking part in at Sheffield Arena in January. A bucket will be available for your donations. Choir children are welcome to wear Christmas hats/ tinsel for this as well.

School Nativity

Our Christmas Nativity will take place on **Thursday 17th December** at 1:45pm and 6:30pm in the Church. This year the performance will have a global theme with each class telling us about Christmas customs around the world through drama and song. We hope that you will be able to help with costumes and more information will be sent home about this in the next few days. If your child is unable to attend the evening performance, please let us know in writing (e-mail or note) by Friday (4th) as we need to allocate parts.

Christmas Messages

In recent years, we have encouraged children to send just one Christmas card/message to their class rather than sending lots of cards. Children may like to donate the money saved by sending fewer cards, to charity. Please send donations in an envelope to the office and we will ask the School Council to decide which charity to support.

Swimming

The last swimming session for Shakespeare Class & Y5s will be on Tuesday 8th December. Luther-King Class will go swimming after Christmas. Look out for the separate letter about this.

Good Work Assemblies

There will not be Good Work Assembly this week or next as we have visitors to assembly. You are invited to join us on Friday 18th December at 9am when we will celebrate birthdays for December and draw the attendance prize.

Thank You for your supporting our Book Fair. In return for your purchases, school was able to buy about £250 worth of books for the children to enjoy.

Please send in your **Children's University Passports** to be updated next week. You can purchase them for £1 from the office if your child hasn't got one yet. More information will follow about this scheme for recent new starters.



We look forward to seeing you at our festive celebrations
Please get in touch if you would like further information
The children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016

