



# St Barnabas News

13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

*Community, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Courage'*

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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

Welcome back to the last half term of this school year. As always there is lots going on in school. Information about class arrangements and class teachers for next year will be sent out in week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Our Spring Focus week last half term was a great success. Despite the rain, children managed to get outside to do planting and other outdoor activities with a nature theme. Thanks to the visitors from Bug Life, Bettys Seedlings in Schools Project, St Barnabas Church and Peter the Beekeeper who shared their expertise and led some fantastic learning activities.

We all had a great day at Countryside Live and were so lucky with the weather. Children took part in a number of workshops and enjoyed seeing the Birds of Prey, Dog and Sheep shows too.



## Future Triathletes?

Well done to the 28 children who took part in the Triathlon at York Sports Village last half term. We hope this has inspired some children to take part in future triathlon events....

## Raising Aspirations

Last week, Year 6 visited York St John's University to find out about higher education and university life. This 'Green Apples' project aims to raise aspirations of children and helps them to see that going to university is an option available to them in the future.

This week, Anderson class will be visiting York University for a day of creative writing and drama workshops.

## **Staff Leavers**

We are saying 'Goodbye' to a few members of staff this half term.

Mrs Sanderson (from the office) is leaving to move to a new job. Her last day is this Thursday.

Mrs Wilson (School Support Assistant) is leaving after supporting children over the lunchtime period at St Barnabas for about 10 years. She leaves on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Mr Tooley, the caretaker, is also leaving on 7<sup>th</sup> July to take up a new job.

We thank them all for their excellent contributions to the school and the pupils and wish them well with their next steps. We will let you know details of their replacements as soon as we can.

Mrs Taylor will begin her maternity leave next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> June). We wish her well and hope she manages to have a good rest before the baby arrives.

Edison class will be taught by Mrs Pendry/Mrs Mann (who returns from her maternity leave) for the rest of this term.

## **PTA News**

It was great to see so many children at our first Movie Night on Friday.

The PTA will be selling ice-creams on the playground starting this Friday (16<sup>th</sup> June) for the next 4 weeks.

PTA members are already busy planning the Summer Fair to be held after the Family Picnic and Sports Day on 14<sup>th</sup> July. If you are able to help on a stall / game please contact the PTA ([stbarnabaspta@hotmail.com](mailto:stbarnabaspta@hotmail.com)). The more people that can help, the greater the range of stalls and games and the more fun can be had!

You might want to start thinking of designs for the Summer Fair Bake Off competition. The theme is 'Summer'.

On the next non-uniform day, we ask children to bring in a Tombola prize for the summer fair instead of £1 donation.

### Safety by the school gates

We continue to receive reports of near misses at dropping off and collection times. Drivers reversing onto kerbs where children are walking, car doors being opened onto passing cyclists....

Please consider parking in other places around the local area (**avoiding residents' driveways**) to reduce congestion on Jubilee Terrace and reduce the risk of accidents. To encourage active travel to school, we are holding an active travel day on 7<sup>th</sup> July including scooter skills training and the School Council are running a competition to design a hi-vis vest. More details about these will follow very soon.....

Our Value this half term is Truthfulness.

We will be thinking about how being truthfulness links to trust and exploring famous people who have stood up for the truth and what is right.

We hope that you will be able to look at the home school activity sheet that all children are bringing home.

We will award a special certificate to children who complete an activity from the sheet and bring it into school or who show some behaviour related to this theme at home (parents please let us know).

### Bargain Books

We will be holding a half price book fair after school every day from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The more books we sell, the more free books that school receives. Look out for flyers and details of a competition coming out soon.



Next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the children's author J P Winter will be running a workshop in school for Shakespeare and Anderson Class to promote a love of reading and to learn more about being an author. Signed copies of his debut book 'The Boy Who Went Magic (most suitable for Y4/5/6 pupils) will be on sale for £6. We ask that children bring £6 cash on the day if they would like to purchase a copy. Thanks to Waterstones for bringing this event to us.

SUMMER TERM 2 DATES 2017	
Date	Event
14/6	Anderson Class visit to York University
15/6	6pm Welcome evening for Reception new starter parents
16/6	Close of Academy Consultation
20/6	8:40-9am Shakespeare Class Stay and Learn (was Parents in Class)
21/6	2:30pm Simmonds Class Stay and Learn (was Parents in Class)
22/6	8:40-9am Luther-King Class Stay and Learn (was Parents in Class)
23/6	Non-uniform day – donation of Tombola Prize for Summer Fair. Cake donations from Luther-King Class for sale at 3pm. Author visit to Anderson and Shakespeare
26/6	2:30pm Parents/Community Prayer Meeting in school
27/6	8:40-9am Malala Class Stay and Learn (was Parents in Class) Half price book fair after school – all week
28/6	8:40-9am Edison Class Stay and Learn (was Parents in Class) 3:10pm PTA meeting (summer fair planning). Please come along if you can help at the summer fair.
30/6	No Celebration Assembly today
4/7	8:40-9am Anderson Class Stay and Learn (was Parents in Class) American Theme Day Lunch
6/7	2:15pm Simmonds Class Exit Task
7/7	Active Travel Day (Breakfast on Playground, Scooter Skills Sessions during day)
14/7	12pm – 4pm Family Picnic and Sports Day / Summer Fair
Mon 24/7	Leavers Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm
Tues 25/7	1:45pm Leavers' Service; School closes for summer
Tues 5/9	School re-opens for all children