



St Barnabas News

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'Community, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Courage'
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Welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable half term break. I can't believe we are half way through the school year already! We are looking forward to seeing you at Parents' Evenings in a few weeks. Appointment letters will follow later this week. There are quite a few reminders in this newsletter. Some of these relate to our updated safety procedures but most is not new information but reminders about our current school expectations which you can find in our prospectus or on our app.

Safe from Harm Week

During this whole school focus week before half term, children learned lots about being safe in different situations, including on the internet. Hopefully children have been able to tell you more about this at home. You can see some examples of their learning on our school Twitter feed and also on the display in the library area. There was positive feedback from the parents' E-Safety workshop too. If you weren't able to attend, there is plenty information about e-safety for parents and children on our website <http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/well-being/online-safety/>.

We have been alerted by some parents to a popular app that your child may be using called Roblox, which is marketed for children. There seems to be an online chat room that isn't immediately obvious and some children have experienced some inappropriate online conversations. We always recommend that you check the games and apps that your child is using, even though we teach children to tell an adult immediately if they see or hear things on the internet that they don't like. It is also useful to alert us to experiences such as these then we can spread the word.

Supporting Refugees

During our focus week, children learned about refugees and about the choices and challenges facing people making difficult journeys in search of a safe place. Shakespeare Class were in charge of deciding where the proceeds from our non-uniform day and cake sale went. As they wanted to give this to a charity that supports refugees, we will give the money raised of £73.88 to Christian Aid as this is the focus of the [Christian Aid week](#) this year. Thank you for your support with this fundraising.  Our next fundraiser will be in aid of Comic Relief on 24th March. We will be holding a sponsored event (details to follow), cake sale and non-uniform day.

Reporting Absences

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we are required to establish the whereabouts of each child that is not in school each day. **We therefore ask that you contact the school by phone or email by 9am at the latest to inform us of your child's absence.** If we have not been informed of a reason for absence by this time, we will contact parents, followed by other emergency contacts if parents do not respond. If we cannot make contact with anyone we may have to make a home visit or phone social services.

Morning Routines, Independence and Lateness

Please remember that the school day begins at 8:45am, with the cloakroom doors opening at 8:40am and closing at 8:50am. Class registers start being taken at 8:45am. Children arriving after 8:50am are marked as 'late' in the register. Our registers close at 9am, meaning that children arriving after this time are marked as 'late after registers close' which is automatically recorded as an unauthorised half day absence. All learning time is important in school and missing 5 minutes daily can add upto 2 hours each month.



We also ask that parents say 'Goodbye' to children in the playground and that children come into the cloakrooms and organise their belongings independently as this is an important skill. For reasons of safety and independence we ask that parents do not come through the cloakrooms into the classrooms or through school in the mornings as all people in the school building need to be authorised and signed in via the office. If you have a message to pass onto the class teacher, please visit the office (via the front doors) who will ensure that this gets passed on. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

School Uniform Reminder

We expect all children to wear our school uniform and PE kit, a reminder of which is below.

There are a number of children wearing jean /chino type trousers, leggings and other coloured items which are not uniform.

We have a huge number of un-named lost property jumpers in school which are in excellent condition – these will be put outside on the next fine day so please take them as you wish.

School uniform:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (plain or with the school logo)
- White or pale blue polo shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Plain grey or navy blue school –type trousers/shorts, skirt or pinafore, plain tights in school colours
- Blue/white check summer dress
- Plain black shoes

PE Kit:

Plain dark shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and white plain t-shirt.

Mobile phones in school

Children are not permitted to bring mobile phones or other electronic devices to school. If you need your child to bring a phone, for example if they walk home unaccompanied, then please speak to your child's teacher who will arrange for it to be kept in a safe place during the day.

New Website

Thank you for your positive feedback about our new school website. More photos will be added soon. Please let us know if there is other content that you would like on it as we would like it to be useful to you.

Talk for Writing

You may have heard your children talking about this or seen it in action in one of our Celebration Assemblies recently. This is a strategy being used in most classes, including by the Playgroup, where children learn a short text, with actions. This then helps them to have a good back of language to draw on when they write their own pieces. We are seeing some excellent writing, with some ambitious vocabulary and grammar being used as a result. Your child should be able to 'perform' some of their Talk for Writing for you, so why not ask them?

We will not be marking World Book day on Thursday 2nd March with any dressing up events. Children will still receive a £1 book voucher to spend.

It's great to see so many children taking part in the Reading Miles Global Challenge and enjoying reading at home. You can see where each class has travelled on the map in the library. Luther-King

Class were in the lead before half term, closely followed by Malala Class. Please encourage your child to keep up this reading – it is so important!



The value of FORGIVENESS

Our value this term is forgiveness. Children are learning that we need to say sorry when we make mistakes that hurt others and forgive when people have hurt us.

Forgiveness helps us to move on and have a new start. Christians believe that when they say sorry to God, he forgives them completely.

Every child is bringing home a home-school values sheet which we hope you can look at together at home over this half term.

If your child does any of the activities suggested on the sheet or does anything else related to the value of forgiveness, please note it down and send it in to Miss Boardman. We would like to display this work and award certificates for thinking about this value at home. If you would like any paper to record this, please ask at the office.

We had some wonderful examples of work on 'perseverance' last term – well done!

On our website (Church School section), you can also find a Lent calendar to help focus on doing something special or different on each day of Lent.

Parents in Class Sessions

This is an opportunity to spend a short time in your child's class, finding out more about what your child is learning and the different ways that learning takes place.

These sessions are in addition to the other longer 'Entrance and Exit Tasks' that parents are invited to at least twice per year. These will take place this half term on the dates below. For most classes, this will take place at 8:40am-9am. Simmonds class sessions are held later on the day as this works better for them.

Thursday 9th March- Edison

Wednesday 22nd March – Simmonds (2.30pm)

Tuesday 28th March – Anderson

Wednesday 29th March – Malala

Tuesday 4th April – Shakespeare

Wednesday 5th April – Luther-King

Passport forms

We will now be asking for a contribution of £5 per passport form if you would like school to complete these, in recognition of the time this takes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Date	Event
10/3*	Shakespeare Class out on visit to Leeds Post Room all day Y6 Group - Bike It Guided Bike Ride
14/3	4-7pm Parents' Evening
15/3	3:20-6pm Parents' Evening
20/3*	Big Pedal fortnight. Cycle, scoot and walk to school to win prizes.
22/3*	All KS2 to Red Nose Day charity fun event at York Barbican in afternoon. Return to school a little later than usual - by about 3:15pm.
24/3	Red Nose Day - Sponsored event, non-uniform & cake sale.
27/3*	2:30pm Luther-King ukulele performance for parents in hall.
28/3*	2:30pm Parents/Community prayer group. Prayer requests in box in entrance.
30/3	Celebration Assembly today instead of Friday
31/3	YOYO Easter Worship & Workshops
W/b ³ / ₄ *	Egg decorating competition Monday to Thursday. 50p entry. Bring eggs into library area. Winner chosen from each year group, announced at Easter Service.
7/4*	9am Easter Service in church. 3pm Break up for Easter
24/4	Return to school – no INSET *2:30 Parents/Community prayer meeting.
25/4	Swimming starts for Edison class until end term.
26/4*	Y5 on Space Day visit to York University.
May	Year 2 Tests carried out during May. Writing assessments during May & June.
Wk 8/5	Y6 SATs Tests. Writing assessment during May and June.
15/5*	Spring Festival Focus Week
18/5*	Whole School visit to Countryside Live Day, Leeds.
26/5	<i>INSET – school closed</i> HALF TERM – Return 5th June
Wk 12/6	Year 1 phonics screening
14/7	12pm – 3pm 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 tbc School closes for summer

*new dates since previous version