



St Barnabas News

9th March 2018

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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

Easter Egg Decorating Competition Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd March

Children are once again invited to decorate an egg (hard boiled please) and bring it in to school during this week to be displayed in the library area.

Judging will take place after school on Thursday 22nd so entries need to be in by the end of this day.

We encourage children to do as much of the design and making as possible, using junk materials and with minimum input from adults. Each year we are so amazed by the wonderful designs and I'm sure that children will impress us again this year. Entry costs 50p (please hand this in to the office or class teacher) and there will be a prize of an Easter egg for the winning design from each year group. These will be announced at the Easter Service on Friday morning.

Please ensure that children bring a label for their egg showing their name and class.

Going for Gold / Class Dojo

Thank you for your engagement with and feedback about the Going for Gold and ClassDojo. We have had a lot of positive feedback from parents telling us how much they enjoy seeing the positive dojos that their child has received. Also, parents have told us that it is really useful to see if children have received a negative dojo so that they can address the behaviour at home too.

As a result of your feedback we have changed the value of the positive dojos. Now, Green = 2, Bronze =3, Silver = 4 Gold = 5. The increased values mean that if your child has shown negative behaviour on that day but has also shown positive behaviour (almost always the case), the positive is acknowledged.

Children are really engaging with the new approach and most are making a real effort to 'go for gold'. Silver and gold can only be reached with consistent positive behaviour and we are now starting to see children reaching these stages, which is fantastic!

Teachers are trialling using ClassDojo to give parents information such as what the children have been learning / homework information.

As with any new system, it is only by actually using it that we can work out how it can be used most effectively. Your feedback is therefore really important. Please keep letting us know what you think about it.

You are invited to attend a drop-in with refreshments to share your feedback, ask questions, get help with the app or suggest ideas about this approach on Tuesday 20th March at 2:15pm. We are also reviewing our Home-School Agreement (attached) so it would be helpful to have your views on this.

Sports Relief Sportathon

We will be holding a sponsored Sportathon on Thursday 22nd March to raise funds for Sport Relief /School funds (shared equally). The money raised for school will be put towards the purchase of much needed new SMART boards in some of the classrooms.

We are still finalising the details but children will take part in different sporting activities, aiming to be active for a full 45 minutes. Sponsor forms are attached (sent home as a paper copy).

On this day, children can wear their sports clothes to school all day.



We will be celebrating Easter at a service at Church on Friday 22nd March at 9:30am. Children will be performing a short musical called The Three Trees as part of the service. Each year at the Easter service, we present each child in Simmonds Class with a copy of a Story Bible to keep and enjoy at home. These Bibles are partly funded through a donation from St Barnabas Parochial Church Council (PCC). We hope that you will be able to join us for this service.

A new lunch menu will be in place after the Easter break. Paper copies have been sent home. You can view the menu [here](#).

Swimming

As this term has been short and a session was missed due to a mistake made by the bus company, Luther-King class will have 2 more swimming lessons next term on 10th and 17th April. Edison will begin their lessons on 24th April for the rest of the term.

Grandparents Lunch

It has been lovely having grandparents visit for lunch this week. The children have really made them feel welcome and enjoyed showing them their classrooms and work.

Dad's lunch will take place on the week beginning 18th June. The days allocated to each class are on the dates section below. We will send out booking forms nearer the time.

It was great to see so many of you at the recent Parents' Evenings and we hope you enjoyed hearing about and seeing the progress that your children are making.

- **Out of School Club** will be open every day of the Easter break apart from the bank holidays and Friday 6th April. If you would like to book a place for your child please contact the club at stbarnabas@yorkchildcare.co.uk or 07766191405.
- The club will be open on the INSET day on Monday 9th April.

We are very proud of the Y5/6 team who competed in the York School's Swimming Gala this week. They did brilliantly!

Event Dates Spring & Summer Term 2018

Date	Event
12/3	8:45am Shakespeare Class Stay and Learn
14/3	8:45am Edison Class Stay and Learn
15/3	2:30-3pm Simmonds Class Stay and Learn
22/3	Sponsored Sportathon for Sport Relief / school funds – wear sports clothes to school
23/3	9:30am Easter service in Church
	Wk beg 26/3 & 2/4 EASTER HOLS
9/4	INSET – School closed
10/4	Children return
10/4	Luther King swimming
17/4	Last swimming for Luther-King Class
20/4	*Non-uniform day (£1) for all. Donations of cake from Edison Class please.
24/4	Swimming starts for Edison class until end term (a later date than originally stated)
24/4	Cycle skills for Y3 and Y4
May	Year 2 Assessments to be carried out during May
7/5	Bank Holiday
9/5	Luther-King visit to Tropical World (rescheduled) Scooter skills for Y1 and Y2 (rescheduled)
Wk 14/5	Year 6 SATs Tests
14/5	2:30pm Parents/Community Prayer Meeting in school
23/5	Whole school visit to Countryside Live
25/5	*Non-uniform day (£1) for all. Donations of cake from Malala Class please.
	Wk beg 28/5 HALF TERM
4/6	Children return to school
Wk 11/6	Year 1 phonics screening
Wk 18/6	Dads invited for lunch this week Mon: Edison, Tues: Simmonds, Weds: Malala, Thurs: Shakespeare & Anderson, Fri: Luther-King
22/6	*Non-uniform day (£1) for all. Donations of cake from Simmonds Class please
2/7	2:30pm Parents/Community Prayer Meeting in school
13/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day / Summer Fair
19/7	Leavers / Summer Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm
Fri 20/7	1:45pm Leavers' Service. School closes for summer.
23/7	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

*Funds raised from non-uniform days and cake sale will be divided between a charity chosen by the class donating cakes and school fund (for special school activities & equipment).