



# St Barnabas News

7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*

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

## Meeting Tim Peake

On Saturday a group of present and past Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to meet the astronaut Tim Peake at the Principia School's Conference at York University. Ms Woolgar had applied for a place by sending examples of pupil's work inspired by Tim Peake's mission to space last year and as a result, our school was fortunate to be awarded a place at the conference - one of only two of these conferences in the country.

The children's work was exhibited at the conference and they had a great day - hearing a speech by Tim Peake, observing the science behind a space mission and hearing about work that other schools had done. The most amazing part was when Tim Peake met our school group - each child was able to ask him a question and listen to his interesting answers. You can see photos of the event on our school Twitter (@stbarnabasyork) or by following the Twitter link on our app.



## Photographer in School on Friday

We are currently in the process of having a new school website built (which is why we haven't been putting photos on our current website this term). To enable us to get some great images for the website, a professional photographer will be in school all day on Friday. We want all the children to look their best so please ensure that children are in full school uniform with black shoes on that day. The photographer will be taking photos in Celebration Assembly, which may include parents and visitors to Assembly.

## Safety in Jubilee Terrace

Last week there was an accident on Jubilee Terrace where a cyclist was knocked off his bike by a parent on the school run. Fortunately he was ok but it served as a reminder of the dangers of this area at school drop off and pick up time. There are still a number of parents who inconsiderately park on the double yellow lines and block residents' drives. I urge you to avoid driving down Jubilee Terrace as there is very little room, meaning that it is very difficult for drivers to see children and cyclists on the road. Please try to park on one of the other nearby streets, especially outside the 5 minute walking zone.

## Christmas Plans

Christmas will be here before we know it! This year we will be holding our whole school nativity in school on the afternoons of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. It will be quite different to usual but we are sure you will enjoy it! We will have to limit tickets to 3 per family and will be sending out a form nearer the time where you can request the days you would like tickets. In addition, we will be holding a short whole school carol service in church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am to which everyone is welcome.



## School communication

We hope that by now, most of you have downloaded our app and are finding it useful. We are also beginning to communicate school activities and celebrate children's learning through **Twitter (details above or by following the link on our app)**. As we are in discussion about the design of our new website, it would be useful to have your views on what you would like to see.

The Year 6 children will be bringing poppies round each class this week- a minimum 20p donation will be required.



**Lunch Menu Change – This week the lunch menu on Thursday and Friday will swap around. Therefore, fish and chips will be served on Thursday with Chilli/Chow Mein on Friday.**



### The value of TRUST

Our Value this term is TRUST. Children are learning about what it means to be trustworthy and what the Bible teaches about trusting in God.

Every child is bringing home a home-school values sheet which we hope you can look at with your child over this half term. If your child does any of any of the activities suggested on the sheet or does anything else related to the value of trust, 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.

### PTA News

The PTA are now busy planning the Christmas Fair. If you can help or have any ideas, please let us know.

Thank you for supporting the PTA/charity non-uniform day and cake sale before half term - we raised a total of £150. Anderson class decided that they would like to support Cancer Research so the total amount will be split between this and the PTA. The next non-uniform day and cake sale will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November to support Children in Need. We ask for a £1 donation for non-uniform and donations of cake from across the school.

There will be an additional non-uniform day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November in return for sending in a prize suitable for either an adult or a child that can be used for the Christmas Fair on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Anti-Bullying Week 2016**

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week, organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This week helps schools to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying through the year.

This year the theme is '**Power for Good**'. The aim is to support children, parents, carers and adults working with children to use their **Power for Good** – by understanding ways in which they are powerful and encouraging action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.

In school we will be helping children to learn how bullying affects people and the importance of telling someone if children think they are being bullied. Shakespeare class have produced some amazing presentations and posters about bullying and they will be sharing these with other classes. We will also be reviewing our Anti-Bullying Charter and introducing a new way for children to let adults know that they would like to have a private conversation with them e.g. to report bullying in a safe place away from other children.

Attached is a sheet for parents/carers to help you to talk to your child about bullying. You can also find further information at [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool).

Most of all, come and talk to us! We want to hear about what is working well and what we could do differently to prevent bullying.



Date	Event
18/11	Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from <b>whole school</b> please. Funds raised for PTA/ Children in Need Charity
25/11	Non uniform day in return for Christmas Fair prize.
6/12	Last swimming
9/12	3pm PTA Christmas Fair
13/12	School Christmas Dinner
14/12	Afternoon - time tbc - School Nativity
15/12	Afternoon - time tbc - School Nativity
16/12	9:30 – School Carol Service in Church 1-3pm Christmas Party in School inc Disco School closes for Christmas 3pm
4/1/17	School re-opens
10/1	Swimming starts for LK class.

### **Parent Governor**

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like to find out more about this role, please speak to Miss Boardman who will give you further information or put you in touch with one of our current Parent Governors.

Nominations for the role close on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

<http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Parent-Gov-election-Oct-2016.pdf>

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Boardman or Miss Connolly who will be pleased to help you.