



St Barnabas News

23rd October 2014



"Barnabas, the Encourager"

School closes for half term today as we have an INSET day tomorrow. The school re-opens on Monday 3rd November. We hope that you have an enjoyable half term break.

Remember that the clocks go back this weekend!

E-mails

Thank you for your patience as we have moved towards sending letters by e-mail. We had problems with the actual software for e-mails and texts for a while but all these have been sorted out now.

Over two thirds of the school have signed up to receive e-mail letters which should mean that you have a better chance of receiving the letters (not having to search through book bags) and we will hopefully save paper and copying costs, meaning we have more funds to spend on the children.

If you would like e-mails but haven't been receiving them, please contact the office as we may have an incorrect address for you.

Remember that we will always send letters that include a reply slip as paper versions as well as e-mail so that you don't need to print them out.

Good to see you!

It was great to see so many of you at the recent Parents' Evenings. It is important that the teachers can discuss your child's progress with you so please make an appointment with the teacher if you weren't able to attend Parents' Evening. Class 2's postponed Parents' Evening will be held on Monday 10th November, 3:20-6pm. Please see the separate (paper) letter to make an appointment to see Mrs Taylor.

Bake Off Fundraising Success

Thank you for supporting the Bake Off at the end of September either by baking or eating the cake (or both!). It was a tremendous success as it raised £320 for MacMillan Cancer Research.

We are really grateful to the judges who gave up their time (and waistlines) to taste and judge the cakes. Follow the link below for some great pictures and story in The Press.

<http://m.yorkpress.co.uk/news/11500252>
[.Region takes part in World s Biggest Coffee Morning/](#)

Clubs after half term

There are a few changes to the clubs running after the half term. Chess will no longer be held as the teacher, Peter Cloudsdale, has decided to retire from teaching chess in schools.

An overview of the clubs is below. Separate letters have been sent out for the KS1 Multi Sports Club but please complete the attached form (KS2 clubs only) and return by 3rd November if you would like your child to attend any clubs.

- Monday – KS1 Multi-Sports Club
- Tuesday - Y5/6 Textiles Club
- Wednesday – KS2 Choir (current members need to continue - no new members until January please!)
 - KS2 Athletics
- Thursday – KS2 Hypertwist (£6 payable in advance)

Well done to all the Foundation Stage children for completing their first half term in school. They have settled in so well, know all the school routines and are even starting to read their first books!

Passports Please!

Lots of children have purchased the Children's University Passports and have been busy doing activities which will earn them stickers towards their first certificate. In order for us to award stickers for attendance at school clubs this half term, children should bring their passports in on Monday 3rd November and leave them in school during this week. Remember to take the passports with you as you visit places over the half term holiday. If your child would like a passport, they need to bring £1 to Mrs Elliott (50p for children entitled to Pupil Premium funding)

Adventurous Activities!

Children in Year 5 and 6 have had an amazing time on their three day residential visit to Cumbria this week. Their behaviour was excellent and they all tried so many new and challenging activities. They should feel very proud of themselves for their effort and behaviour. Thanks to Mrs Elliott, Mrs Mann, Mr Hazeldine and Miss Gray for accompanying the children. We look forward to hearing all the stories and seeing the photos.

Outdoor Activities

On **Tuesday 4th November**, the new flood defences will be officially opened. As part of this event, some of our children have been invited to plant trees with the Environment agency. These children have received separate letters.

Class 2 will be taking part in an outdoor morning on **Thursday 6th November** so they will need their wellies and warm coats on this day. This is work supported by Betty's who are funding a specialist to work with children to improve their knowledge of trees and plants. There will be other sessions of this type for class 2 through the year. Parents are invited to join in the activities on 6th November.

Non Uniform Days

On **Friday 14th November**, children are invited to come dressed as a 'hero' and bring £1 to fundraise for Children in Need. Costumes can be the well known superheroes, a made up hero or someone who is a 'hero' to your child.

On **Friday 28th November**, children are invited to wear their own clothes for school in return for a donation of a tombola prize for the PTA Christmas Fair. FS and KS1 children are asked to bring a prize for the children's tombola. KS2 are asked to bring a prize for the adult tombola.

Year 6 Speak Out!

At St Barnabas we think it is really important that children develop the skills and confidence to communicate their messages clearly to different audiences.

Year 6 have been busy putting these skills to good use as two different groups of children have delivered presentations out of school.

Ella, Harriet, Brandon and Tom visited Bishopthorpe Palace to give a presentation to a group of Headteachers from the region about the Young Leader's Award that our Y6 take part in. Anna, Ella and Elleigh represented our school at a West School's competition where children had to give a presentation on the theme of 'Respect'. Our team did really well and came 3rd.

It takes a lot of courage to speak in front of large audiences like this so these are both great achievements!

Dates for Autumn 2

3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children return to school• WW1 remembrance focus week in school• New clubs start this week• Bring CU passports into school
4/11	Pm Opening of the flood defences
6/11	Class 2 Outdoor morning
10/11	Class 2 Parents' Evening 3-6pm
11/11	Pm KS2 team to indoor athletics
13/11	KS2 Parents in Class session 8:45am
14/11	Children in Need fundraiser – dress as a 'hero' for £1 Pm KS1 team to indoor athletics
20/11	KS1 Parents in Class session 8:45am
25/11	Book fair in school to 4/12
27/11	2:30pm Community Prayer Meeting
28/11	Non-uniform day – bring tombola prize
10/12	Christmas Dinner
11/12	Choir to carol sing at Barleyfields
12/12	3pm PTA Christmas fair
17/12	Nativity in church 1:45pm and 6:30pm
18/12	Christmas Parties
19/12	School closes for Christmas
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
5/1/15	INSET DAY
6/1/15	School re-opens