



St Barnabas News

19th November 2015

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

School Dinners - Change to Sandwich Choices

The sandwich filling offered on each day is now as follows:

- Monday - Tuna
- Tuesday - Cheese
- Wednesday - Egg
- Thursday - Ham
- Friday - Turkey



Children need to order a sandwich when the teacher is taking the lunch menu so that they can be prepared. They cannot choose to have a sandwich once in the dining room at lunchtime. Please remind your children of this. A reminder of these choices can be found in each class and on the noticeboard.

Improving the local area

On Saturday, as part of Interfaith Week, children and young people are invited to help plant trees between the school and the river. Meet at St Barnabas School at 10am and bring warm clothes and a spade if possible.



On Sunday afternoon, you may also like to join in bulb planting in the nature area at the end of Balfour Street between 1:30-2:30pm

Clothing Collection

There will be a Bags2School Clothing collection will take place on Tuesday 1st December so please bring your bags in on or before this date.

The heavier the weight of clothing donated – the more money is given to school!



Arrival at school

Early arrivals: There are a number of children arriving at school and being left unsupervised before the playground gates open at 8:30am. Please be aware that we are not responsible for supervision before 8:40am.

Late arrivals: There have been a lot of late arrivals recently. The school day starts at 8:45am with the cloakroom doors being opened at 8:40am and closed at 8:50am. Children should be in their class, ready to start the day at 8:45am. Did you know that being just 5 minutes late for school twice a week means that your child misses a whole day of school in a year?

GET IT BRIGHT EVENT - Wednesday 25th November

It's dark outside, so 'Get It Bright' for the school journey.



As part of the school's involvement in the Sustrans **Bike It** project we are running a Get It Bright Day on **Wednesday 25th November** to promote being bright and being seen on the journey to school. The day will be a non-uniform day, with the condition that children dress as brightly as possible. Think hi-vis and luminous clothing, colourful t-shirts, bright coloured wigs and pink tutus – it's all about being seen. There will be a prize awarded for the best dressed, so you can start thinking about an outfit now.

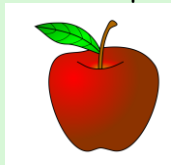
Erin Gray, Sustrans Bike It Officer for York will be helping us with the day and talking to children about the importance of being safe on the school journey. Being seen is a great way to help make yourself safer on the journey to school, especially when walking, scooting or cycling as the day gets shorter and the mornings get darker.

If you would like your child to participate in the day, then all they have to do is turn up dressed as brightly as possible.

As part of the event, there will also be a **'Get it Bright' sale on the school playground, 8.15-9.00am.** High quality bike locks, lights and hi-vis vests will be available to buy at cost price. Items range from £3-£7, cash only.

Key Stage 2 Healthy Snacks

A reminder that we are encouraging Key Stage 2 children to bring in some fruit to eat at morning playtime. This could be fresh or dried fruit but not cereal bars. If bringing in dried fruit, please check that it doesn't contain nuts as we have a pupil with a nut allergy. School is providing daily fruit for children entitled to the Pupil Premium or Free School Meals and parents have already been notified of this.



What is my child learning?

There are some Parents in Class sessions coming up on the following dates:

Thursday 26th Nov – Key Stage 2 Classes 8:45am

Tuesday 1st Dec: Edison (Mrs Taylor's) Class 8:45am

Wednesday 2nd Dec: Simmonds and Malala Class
2:30pm

The aim of these sessions, which last approximately 20 minutes, is to help parents/carers find out a little more about the type of work children do in class and approaches that are used.

Thank You!

For supporting our Children in Need fundraiser last week. We raised a total of £217.

Especially well done to the group of Year 4 children who organised and ran the stall at the end of the day, raising over £70.

There are several classes for parents running in the local area over the next few months.

Details are in the flyers attached to this letter/ e-mail.

Non uniform days are a chance for children to enjoy wearing clothes other than their uniform, however, the school expectations relating to not wearing jewellery or makeup still apply. We also expect children to wear appropriate footwear for playing outside in on these days.

Coming up....

25/11	Get Bright Day
26/11	8:45-9am KS2 Parents in Class (Luther King, Shakespeare & Anderson classes)
1/12	8:45am Edison Class Parents in Class Bags2School Collection
2/12	2:30pm Simmonds & Malala Parents in Class
4/12	No Good Work Assembly 3pm PTA Christmas Fair
11/12	No Good Work Assembly
15/12	Christmas Dinner
16/12	1-3pm Christmas Parties (including party themed lunch)
17/12	Nativity in church 1:45pm and 6:30pm. All children needed for Evening performance
18/12	School closes for Christmas
4/1/2016	INSET DAY
5/1/16	Children return to school

Thank you for your donations for the PTA tombola. There are lots of great prizes. The PTA have been busy finding loads of fantastic raffle prizes so keep selling/buying your tickets!