



St Barnabas News

23rd October 2015

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

What a busy half term we have had! The children have been working really hard and have done some fantastic learning across the whole curriculum.

We wish you all a great half term break and we will see you on Monday 2nd November.



Clothing Collection

There will be a Bags2School Clothing collection soon after the half term break so keep hold of any clothes, shoes, bags or bedding that you are clearing out over half term.

The heavier the weight of clothing donated – the more money is given to school! The bags will be sent out on 10th November.



Key Stage 2 Healthy Snacks

We would like to encourage Key Stage 2 children to start bringing in a piece of fruit to eat at morning break time. Children have been asking for this which we think is a good idea as it will hopefully help children to maintain their levels of concentration and energy through the morning.

FS and KS1 children already receive a piece of fruit, funded nationally.

Cereal bars and other such snacks should not be eaten at playtime - just a piece of fruit or a packet of dried fruit. Children should put their fruit in their trays as they come in each morning.

School will provide free fruit for children entitled to free school meals or pupil premium grant and separate letters have been sent home to the families concerned.



Computer Help!

School purchases a number of subscriptions to websites that allow children to access them at home and at school (e.g. Mathletics). Sometimes children are asked to use these websites for their homework. If you would like to find out more about these, Mr Hazeldine is running some drop-in sessions to show you these websites. These will take place on Tuesday 10th November 8:45-9:15am and

Thursday 19th November 3-3:30pm. A reminder of log-ins will be stuck in your child's reading record over the next few weeks.



Non Uniform Days

We will be holding two non-uniform days next half term.

Children in Need Day is on 13th November. We invite children to come either in their own clothes or in their pyjamas/onesies for £1 donation.

On Friday 20th November we invite children to wear non-uniform in return for a tombola prize for the Christmas Fair. FS and KS1 please bring something suitable for the children's tombola. KS2 please bring an item for the grown-up's tombola.

Thank you!

Izzi Barthow from St Barnabas Church is running a 'Keep Christmas Cheap' Craft Class after half term. It will be running every Wednesday in the Leeman Pub from 1:15 - 2:45pm from the 11th November for anyone in the area who is interested. There will be multiple projects for people to do, and no arty experience is essential. It's just a way of making cheap Christmas gifts for friends and family. It will be less than £2 per project.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

On week beginning 2nd November, we are holding a diversity themed week in school. Children will be learning about different cultures, beliefs, families and traditions around the world, in the UK, in York and in our school community. We have several visitors who are going to support with this, including a group of teaching students from Hong Kong who will be visiting St Barnabas each Thursday for a month from 5th November.



We are really fortunate to have a wide range of languages spoken in school. If you speak a different language and you would like to come in during this week to read a short children's story (about 10 minutes) to a class in this language, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Clubs

Some of the clubs running after half term are swapping to a different group of children who already signed up in September. A reminder is below:

- Monday – Key Stage 2 Multi-Sports – Mr Nogan (swapping to Y3/4)
- Monday - Key Stage 1 Art - Miss Curry/Mrs Dessim (swapping to 2nd group)
- Tuesday – Y5/6 Textiles - Mrs Christison (continuing wth same group – spaces available)
- Thursday – Key Stage 2 Choir – Mr Hazeldine/Miss Boardman (continuing with same group)
- Friday – Key Stage 1 Multi Sports – Mr Holmes (continuing with same group – spaces are available).

Clubs will begin again in the first week back and run from 3-4pm. If you would like your child to take part in any of these clubs please ask at the office.

In addition to the above, there will be a KS2 indoor ball skills club (Basketball / Netball / Benchball) club run by a new PE specialist, Mr Baldwin on Thursdays 3-4pm. Separate permission slips have been given out to interested children. Please return these after half term. Places will be given on a first come-first served basis.

Themed Lunches

We will be having two themed lunches on week beginning 2nd November.

On Tuesday there will be an 'Around the World' themed lunch.

On Thursday there will be a 'Bonfire Night' themed lunch. Menus are attached.



Remember that all FS and KS1 children are entitled to a free school lunch every day.

We have noticed that a number of FS and KS1 children often have a packed lunch despite the free lunch offer. We would like as many children as possible to take up the free lunch in order to save parents money and give children a good meal in the middle of the day. We would be interested to know parents' views on school meals and the reasons that you choose packed lunches for your children rather than a school lunch. There may be aspects of the menu and lunch arrangements that we can change to help you to take up the free meal offer. If you would like to share your views please speak to Miss Boardman or drop a note into the office.

Date for your diary...

PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 4th December, 3pm in the school hall.