



St Barnabas News

29th February 2016

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

Supporting Healthy Travel

Congratulations to Paige who is first winner of the 'Golden Lock' competition organised by the school council. Members of the School Council will place the golden lock on a bike or scooter on a random day each week. The owner of the bike/scooter should then take the lock to the office and they will win a prize in assembly.

Information has already been sent out about 'Scooter Skills' (Y1 & 2 - 4th March) and 'Get of Your Stabiliser Sessions' (FS-Y2 – 22nd March).

Please return your slips ASAP if your child would like to take part. These sessions will be opened up to other year groups if slips are not returned by the deadline stated.



The New Office Team

Our second part time administrator, Mrs Marie Entwistle is due to start next week. Mrs Sanderson will usually work Monday –Wednesday and Mrs Entwistle will work Wednesday-Friday.

Thank you for your patience during the changes to the office team. Please keep telling them who you are so that they can get to know all the children and families quickly.

World Book Day takes place this Thursday. We will not be dressing up this year but children will be taking part in a whole school 'Flash Read' at 11:30am at different locations around the school. Parents/Carers are welcome to come in to join children for this (arrive at about 11:25). Classes will also be reading and exploring multicultural books.

Meet the Governors

The Governing Body is required to check that school is carrying out its statutory duties and to check that children are learning, behaving and progressing well. As well as receiving this kind of information from the Headteacher and staff at Governors' Meetings, we aim to visit school several times each year to get 'first hand' experience of school life.

Governors will be spending the morning in school tomorrow, visiting lessons, talking to children and having lunch in the dining room. Actually seeing the children learning in school is one of the highlights of being a governor and we are really looking forward to our visit.

We are always keen to hear the views of parents and carers. We will be on the playground at the beginning of the day so please come and chat with us and let us know what you think about our school.

We will be wearing badges so you should be able to identify us easily. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, I would be pleased to chat with you about this.

Mike Grant, Chair of Governors

Sponsored Mile for Sports Relief

On 18th March we invite children to wear their Sports Clothes for school (£1 donation) and take part in the Sponsored Mile around the school grounds.

A sponsor form is attached (paper copy sent home) and funds raised will be shared equally between the Sports Relief Charity and St Barnabas School Fund, to purchase some additional playtime equipment.



New Clubs

Two new clubs are starting in the next couple of weeks.

- Allotment club will run on Tuesdays 3-4pm starting after Easter. This will run until the end of summer so if your child would like to have a turn at this club, please complete the slip (paper copy sent home) and they will be allocated a place for several weeks over the summer term.
- Y4-5 Netball (boys & girls) will start this Thursday until 24th March. Please complete the slip and return by Wednesday.

Children's University Graduation

Well done to the 22 children who have been invited to attend a Graduation Ceremony at York University as a result of collecting enough stickers/ stamps to reach the next award stage in the passports. Keep collecting yours and you may be graduating next Spring!
Passports are available from the school office – children receive stamps for attending 'learning' activities outside the school day e.g. after school clubs, sports clubs at weekends, visits to museums or libraries.

School Closure 23rd June

The school has been requested for use as a Polling Station for the EU Referendum on 23rd June 2016. School will be closed to children on this day.

We have made arrangements to stay open when the school is used on 5th May 2016 as a Polling Station but due to the significant disruption it causes to the school, we are not able to do this on 23rd June as well.

Dates Spring & Summer 2016 (29.2.16 version)

Date	Event
3/3	1:15pm Edison Class Exit Task
16/3	2:30pm Malala & Simmonds Class Exit Task (parents invited): Minibeast Hunt
18/3	Sport Relief Sponsored Run. Wear Sports Clothes for school
23/3	2pm Easter Service
23/3	Children's University Passport Graduation Ceremony
24/3	End of term themed lunch – Burgers (Meat/Veggie), Smoothies, Easter Cakes
24/3	Finish for Easter
11/4	Children return to school (no INSET)
12/4	Edison Class begin swimming lessons at Energise for whole term
26/4	Parents' Evenings (usual 10min app) 3:20-6pm
27/4	Parents' Evenings Meetings 4-7pm
May	Year 2 Assessments take place throughout May and now June – please do not book holidays/appointments.
5/5	School open despite being used as a Polling Station (Police Commissioner Elections).
Wk 9/5	Year 6 SATs Tests - please do not book holidays/appointments this week.
10/5	Evening - Shakespeare Class perform at Theatre Royal as part of West Schools' Shakespeare Project.
27/5	Break up for half term
6/6	School reopens for children
Wk 13/6	Year 1 phonics screening- please do not book holidays/appointments this week.
23/6	School closed – Used as Polling Station
8/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day
15/7	Reports out
21/7	Evening Leavers' Disco (R/KS1 6-7pm, KS2 7:30-8:45pm)
22/7	1:30pm Leavers' Service School closes for summer.
Tues 6 th Sept 2016	Children return to school