



St Barnabas News

18th January 2016

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

Parents Evenings

It was good to see most of you at Parents' Evenings last week. It is important that teachers can discuss your child's progress with you so please contact school to make an appointment to see your child's teacher if you weren't able to attend. I hope that you found the meetings useful and feel better informed about your child's progress as a result of the new assessment system we are using.

Some of you asked for copies of your child's detailed assessment records. Having considered this, I have decided that this is not practical at the moment. Instead, you have received information about the key next steps for your children written on their Learning Review record sheet. As we develop our system we will consider how to give parents more detailed, yet still helpful, information about your child's progress. You will be able to see your child's file at Parents' Evenings.



Choir Performance & Parent Drop-In



The choir performance at Good Work Assembly followed by refreshments for parents / visitors will now be held on Friday 5th February, not 22nd January as originally planned.

We wish the choir 'Good Luck!' as they perform with several thousand other children at Sheffield Arena this week in the Young Voices concert.

Would you like to be a Governor?

We currently have some vacancies for co-opted Governors. These are governors appointed by the governing body rather than through an election. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch and I can arrange an informal chat with myself or one of the governors.

Goodbye Mrs Lillie

Mrs Lillie, our office administrator, will be leaving at the end of January. Mrs Lillie has worked at St Barnabas for 23 years and has given tremendous service to the school and our families. She has always been ready to help and support parents, children and staff as well as managing the office wonderfully. We will miss her but we know she will enjoy having more time to relax and enjoy life!

Mrs Sanderson will continue to work part time, Monday to Wednesday but may work a little more until we recruit for another part time administrator to work Wednesday to Friday. The details of the vacancy are on our website www.stbarnabasprimary.co.uk if you know anyone who may be interested in this role.

On Thursday this week we are having an American themed lunch featuring hot dogs. The full menu has already been sent home.



On the reverse of this letter you will find dates for this term and attached are the term dates for 2016-17. Please remember that holidays in term time are not authorised unless exceptional circumstances as your child misses important learning.

This Term's Value

Each term we focus on a specific Christian value through our assemblies/worship time. This term, we are focusing on **Compassion**. Children are thinking about 'Who is my neighbour?', how they can notice people who need help and what they can do to show compassion and kindness to people who are close to home, in the UK and in the world. The home-school leaflet sent home tonight explains more about this value and has some points for reflection and discussion at home.

Children's University Passports

In March, children who have enough stamps in their passport will be invited to 'graduate' in a ceremony at York University. By the end of January we need to let the CU know the hours that each child has completed so please send passports into school this week so we can collate this information. Thanks

Dates Spring & Summer 2016

Date	Event
18/1 & 21/1	Luther-King Class Pedestrian Training
19/1	11:30am – 11pm Choir at Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena No swimming for L-K class today.
28/1	Class photos
29/1	Food and Farming Activities in school – Malala and Shakespeare Class
5/2	Choir Perform at Good Work Assembly followed by Parents' Drop In – Refreshments (Bacon butties) and info about school meals by Chartwells, school caterer.
9/2	8:45-9am Y2 and KS2 Parents in Class session
11/2	2:30pm Simmonds & Malala Parents in Class session
12 th Feb	Break up for half term
22/2	Children return to school
23/2	Am Luther-King class visit Jamie's Italian Swimming continues for Luther-King Class
24/2	Shakespeare Class visit to Designer Outlet – Children's University Retail Project
16/3	2:30pm Malala & Simmonds Class Exit Task (parents invited): Minibeast Hunt
23/3	2pm Easter Service
23/3	Graduation Ceremony for children who have earned enough stamps in their Children's University Passport (more info to follow)
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 – please do not book holidays/appointments.
5/5	Police Commissioner Elections in School. School staying open for children.
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.
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	Children return to school