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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Class Arrangements September 2018

Today children have enjoyed a session with their new teacher in their new classes and they looked very grown up! The class arrangements for September are below

Class	Simmonds	Malala	Edison	Luther-King	Shakespeare	Anderson
Year Groups	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4/5 *	Y5/6*
Teacher	Miss Curry	Miss Denley/ Mrs Taylor	Mr Hazeldine	Miss Connolly	Mr Cumming	Ms Woolgar
Teaching Assistant	Mrs Dessi	Mrs Faletas	Miss Ross	Mrs Murrie	Mrs O'Kelly / Mrs Murrie	Mrs McLaughlin / Mrs Blows

*All the Y3/4 children currently in Luther-King Class will be moving into Shakespeare Class

*All the Y4/5 children currently in Shakespeare Class will be moving to Anderson Class.

As you can see, some classes are mixed ages as is the norm for St Barnabas. The way in which we mix the year groups varies from year to year according to pupil numbers and needs. When we mix ages, we consider very carefully the best group for each child to be in. Every year, however, we hear parents saying that children are 'kept down' or 'moved up'. This is absolutely not the case and it is unhelpful for children to hear this language.

Many parents ask why we need to mix ages in classes, especially now that we have more classroom space. This is linked to the sizes of our year groups and the way that schools are funded. Some of our year groups contain approximately 20 children as our admissions number has been 20 pupils for a number of years due to the size of the building before our extension last year. The funding that comes into school generally supports an average of one teacher per 27-30 children. Having classes of 20 or fewer children (single age classes) throughout the school cannot be afforded even if we have the space to put the classes in. It will still take a while for us to fill up to the position where we can choose to have all single age classes if we wish. Children still spend one year in each year group regardless of which class they are in.

Teachers have non-contact time which is covered in a variety of ways and you will be informed about the details of this for your child's class in September. Most teaching assistants will each have a class that they are linked to but may also work with children from other classes too.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions about these class arrangements.

Rest of the term

The **Family Picnic, Sports Day and PTA Summer Fair/ Fundraiser** will be held on Friday 13th July starting from 12 noon. Please bring picnic blankets, chairs etc. Refreshments / ice creams will be served over lunchtime.

All children who are entitled to a free school meal (all of Reception, Key Stage 1 and other entitled children) will be provided with a school packed lunch. Other children will need to bring their own packed lunch as there will be no usual lunches served on this day.

Please arrive for the picnic between 12-12:10pm, coming through the playground gates and collecting your children from the classroom door or from the area of the playground where they will be waiting with their teacher. At 12:10pm we will be locking the playground gate so please come through the main entrance after this time.

The car park will be closed so please try to walk to school if possible. If you need disabled access, please let us know and we will open the gates for you. Last year a traffic enforcement officer visited the local area and gave several cars parking tickets for blocking drives and parking illegally so please park responsibly.

The sporting events will start at 1:15pm and we anticipate they will finish just before 3pm. There will be the usual mixture of team games and races. After the children's events, there will be a Mums and a Dads race. It will cost £1 to enter and a fantastic prize will be available for the winner of each race.

Once the sporting events start, please do not go to your child / call them to you as they will need to stay with their classes. Sometimes children do get a little upset if they do not win a race. We ask that you leave the teachers to deal with this if it happens. The teacher will find you if they think it is necessary.

Children are asked to wear a particular colour of t-shirt for their team if at all possible. There is no need to go out to buy a t-shirt specially. If you cannot find a t-shirt of the correct colour easily, children should wear white and we will give them a coloured sticker/band.

Clifton: Green

Lendal: Red

Millenium: White

Ouse: Blue

Scarborough: Yellow or Orange

Skeldergate: Purple or Black

Most children know which team they are in. If you are unsure, please check on the lists at the office, on the inside of the cloakroom doors or outside the Reception/Year 1 classes.

In case of very hot weather, we will adapt the activities so that children have more time to rest and cool down. Please ensure that your child has a cap and a water bottle on this day. I'm sure it will be a great afternoon and we look forward to seeing you then.

There are no clubs after Thursday 12th July.

We will be sending out details about the school lunch menu for September before the end of term. Next week, Friday's menu will be in place on Thursday (12th July). On the last day of term, sandwiches / cake will served instead of the usual menu.

Best wishes

Miss K Boardman
Headteacher