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*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

### **YOYO Visit**

Tomorrow, YOYO (York Youth Trust) will be visiting school to lead whole school Collective Worship and lessons for Year 2 and Year 5 on the theme of Easter. Children always enjoy these visits and gain a good understanding of the messages from the drama and interactive activities offered.

### **Egg Decorating Competition: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Children are once again invited to decorate an egg (hard boiled please) and bring it in to school during next week to be displayed in the library area. Judging will take place after school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> so entries need to be in by the end of this day. We encourage children to do as much of the design and making as possible, using junk materials and with minimum input from adults. Each year we are so amazed by the wonderful designs and I'm sure that children will impress us again this year. Entry costs 50p (please hand in to the office or class teacher) and there will be a prize of an Easter egg for the winning design from each year group. These will be announced at the Easter Service. Please ensure that children bring a label for their egg showing their name and class.

### **Easter Service – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 9am**

Children will re-tell the Easter Story and think about the symbol of the cross through drama, readings, songs and prayers led by children throughout the school. Each year at the Easter service, we present each child in Simmonds Class with a copy of a Story Bible to keep and enjoy at home. These Bibles are partly funded through a donation from St Barnabas Parochial Church Council (PCC). We hope that you will be able to join us for this service.

### **Easter lunch**

On Thursday we will be having a special Easter 'Tea Party' lunch. Please click the link to view the menu

<http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Easter-Lunch-6th-April-2017.pdf>

There will be a new lunch menu after Easter which we will hopefully be able to send out next week.

### **SIAMS Inspection Report**

Last week our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection took place and you can view the report by clicking the following link

<http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/SIAMS-Report-St-Barnabas-23-March-2017.pdf>.

As you can see, we were judged to be outstanding in all areas. I hope that you feel that the report accurately reflects our school and I hope you enjoy reading it.

## **Parents' Evenings**

It was great to see so many of you at the recent Parents' Evenings and I hope you enjoyed hearing about and seeing the progress that your children are making.

## **Out of School Club**

The club will be open every day of the Easter break apart from the bank holidays. If you would like to book a place for your child please contact the club at [stbarnabas@yorkchildcare.co.uk](mailto:stbarnabas@yorkchildcare.co.uk) or 07766191405

## **A great term**

It has been another very busy term with so many exciting learning activities for the children including visits and special visitors. Thank you to parents/ carers / family members who have been able to come to a class 'Exit Task' or 'Parents in Class' session or Celebration Assembly. Thank you for your support.

In the last few weeks, each class has planted seeds that will be planted out in the allotment very soon. We look forward to seeing them grow into delicious vegetables over next term. Thanks to Mr Tooley for working with the children on this.

## **Book Swap**

As so many children are keen readers and books are quite expensive to buy, a parent has suggested that we set up a 'Book Swap' in school. Children, who have books at home that they have read, can bring them into school and swap them for a different book, donated by someone else. We will have a KS1 and a KS2 section. If children can bring in books after Easter, we will arrange a Book Swap area in each Key Stage and let the children know more about this.

## **Improvements to the entrance area**

Over the Easter break improvements will be made to our entrance area to make the school safer. There will be a new set of secure doors just after the office window which will mean that only people who have met our safeguarding checks will be let through into the rest of school unaccompanied.

We once again ask that unless you have been to an event in school (e.g. an Exit Task) that you do not walk through school to get to the office or main entrance. Please go around the outside of the building.

The lock will be taken off the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of doors after 4:15pm to make access easier for people collecting from After School Club.

## **Swimming**

The last swimming lesson for Luther-King class will take place on Tuesday. After Easter, Edison class will begin weekly swimming lessons starting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. A separate letter will be sent home about this tomorrow.

School closes for the Easter break on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and re-opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. I hope you have a very restful and enjoyable break with plenty of fine weather.

Best wishes

Miss K Boardman  
Headteacher