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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents & Carers

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our family picnic and sports day on Friday. Thank you for your support for the fundraising event afterwards - for the PTA and for Diogo's garden. The PTA stalls raised £550 and the stalls for Diogo raised £853 (see attached letter)

A huge thank you to everyone who organised and ran the stalls. They have spent many hours finding raffle prizes and organising the activities for everyone to enjoy in order to raise funds for these worthwhile causes.

Tomorrow we will be having a giant inflatable assault course called 'The Beast' on the playground. Each class will have a 45 minute session on it. Therefore children can wear sports clothes to school on Tuesday. It is being provided by Total Sports, manned by trained members of staff and is fully risk assessed. It will not be used in certain weather conditions such as high winds or wet weather. For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn so please take out children's earrings in the morning if they cannot do this themselves. Long hair should be tied back.

We look forward to seeing you at some of the events this week:

- Barney's Got Talent tonight at 6pm (limited space) - children in Anderson and Shakespeare Class will show off their many extraordinary talents to celebrity judges.
- Leavers' Disco – Thursday 6-7 for Reception and Key Stage 1. 7:15-8:45 for Key Stage 2. Entry costs £2. There will be hot dogs, sweets and drinks so spending money of between £1-2 should be plenty. Please bring children to the main entrance where we will register them and collect from their classrooms as at the end of the school day. Parents are not permitted to stay unless helping. There is a shortage of helpers for the KS1 disco - please let the PTA or office know if you can help.
- Leavers' Service – Friday 1:45pm. Our Y6 leavers will share their memories and perform some songs in this special service.

I would like to say a big 'Well done' to the Year 6 pupils who hosted an afternoon tea for 'elderly' members of the community. They worked so hard before, during and after the event: putting together the bid for a grant; writing to companies for donations; preparing the food; decorating the hall and then giving everyone a fabulous afternoon by chatting, performing songs and playing bingo. Then of course, helping with the clearing up! Year 6 certainly rose to the challenge and we were very proud of them.

This week children will be tidying out their trays and bringing their work home so please can they bring in a bag on Tuesday. PE kits can be taken home from Tuesday onwards too. School closes on Friday at 3pm.

Thank you to those parents who came to the Breakfast Meeting recently or who added their ideas to the sheets that were out on Sports Day. It was very useful to hear your thoughts about how to improve the home-school partnership and the areas that should be covered in our curriculum.

Improving communication and having more informal events for parents was one idea. From September we will have a new app through which we will be sending out newsletters and other notifications as you have told us that you don't know where to look for information that we send. We will send out information as soon as we can about this. The old app will be taken down at the end of August.

In the first week of September we will hold informal New Class Drop-ins from 3:05 to 3:40pm. Once you have collected your children, this is an informal opportunity to pop in to see your child's new classroom,

meet their new teacher, ask any questions or pass on any information. Tea/coffee/ juice and biscuits will be available. These will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday 4th September: Edison Class
- Wednesday 5th September: Luther-King Class
- Thursday 6th September: Malala Class
- Friday 7th September: Anderson Class & Shakespeare Class

School lunches

The company that provide the lunches will be changing from September to ABM. The menu will continue to have 4 choices daily and will have a range of delicious dishes that we think will be popular with the children. Meals will continue to cost £2.30 and you will be able to continue to pay via Parent Pay. The current staff will stay in post. The new menu will be sent out later this week. Please ensure that you are up to date with your payments on Parent Pay as any debts on Friday get passed to the school to pay. If we have to spend money on this, it means we have less to spend on resources to educate the children.



Water Explorers!

Last week, children in Year One had a visitor from a programme that is aiming to support families reduce the amount of water they waste. Reducing the amount of water that we waste will save energy, save money and help us to continue to develop healthy attitudes towards looking after our planet. Year One would like to share some top tips with you...so that more of us can be Water Explorers and Water Heroes!

- You can order a free water saving kit from Yorkshire Water. (Look in the Help and Advice section <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/savewater>)
- If everybody in your family replaces one bath a week with a five-minute shower, up to £20 a year could be saved on gas bills and up to £25 on water bills (if you have a water meter).
- A running tap wastes more than six litres of water every minute! So turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your face.
- A dripping tap can waste more than 5,500 litres of water a year, so make sure your taps are properly turned off and change washers promptly when taps start to drip.
- Other water facts:
 - Less than 1% of the water supply on earth can be used as drinking water.
 - About 25,700 litres of water is required to grow a day's food for a family of four.
 - About 60% of the adult human body is made up of water...and your brain is about 73% water!

If you would like any other water saving tips...please pop into Year One for some advice!

Summer Reading Challenge

Today a visitor from York Explore library introduced the summer reading challenge (more information on the bookmark sent home today). Children who finish the challenge and bring their certificates in after the summer break will have their photo displayed on a board in school and will receive a 'Gold' dojo. The libraries are running a range of free / low cost events during the summer.

<https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/events/>

I hope that you have a wonderful summer break. There are ideas for free and low cost activities on this website <http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/young-people/shine-new.htm>

We have a voucher in school for a free week of activities at Kings Camp, running at The Mount School during the summer break. If you would like it, please ask at the office. First come- first served.

Thank you for your support this year. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely

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