



St Barnabas News

27th February 2015

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day in school and we are inviting children to dress up as a book character. Through the day, children will be taking part in lots of book related activities to remember how great books are!



Mrs Murrie Absent

Mrs Murrie (KS2 TA) will be off work for the next 4-6 weeks as she has had an injury. Children who have been taking part in Foodmasters this term will continue after Easter instead. A supply TA, Mrs Jones will be covering some of Mrs Murrie's work in Class 3 and maths group.

Congratulations to Mr Cumming and his wife on the new addition to their family of a baby girl. Mr Cumming will return to school on Monday following his Paternity Leave.

Next Thursday, 5th March, children in Class 2 and Class 3 will be working on some outdoor activities for part of the day with visitors from the 'Seedlings for Schools' project. Children will therefore need some suitable outdoor clothing and shoes/wellies to either wear over their book day costumes or change into.

Comic Relief Sponsored Spell

Remember to keep collecting sponsorship and learning spellings for the sponsored spell on Friday 13th March. Children can 'wear something funny' to school on this day.

School Uniform Reminder

This is another reminder that we expect all children to wear school uniform for school. This consists of a navy blue jumper or cardigan, either plain or with the school logo. We have a lot of black or grey tops being worn which is not our school colour. Trousers should be school type trousers – not jean, chino or legging type and shoes should be black.

When the weather is bad, children may wear boots but the majority of time should be in black school shoes or all black trainer type shoes.

We do have lots of 2nd hand jumpers in school which are in excellent condition. Please ask if you would like some.

We can also provide a school uniform grant for pupils entitled to the pupil premium funding. Please ask Miss Boardman or Mrs Blows about this.

Planning permission has now been granted for an extension to the school. This will consist of two classrooms and an extension to the kitchen. More information to follow soon.....

Parents in Class

- The Key Stage 2 session has changed from 5th March to Wednesday 18th March at 8:40am.
- The KS1 session will be held on Thursday 12th March at 8:40am
- The FS session will also be held on 12th March but this will be at 2:30pm as children have been getting upset when parents leave after the sessions in the mornings.

Well done to the Year 4 and 5 girls (and parents) who ran a fundraising stall yesterday after school. They raised £70 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Below is some information from the Friends of Leeman Park Group

Hi all,

A bit of a plea for lots of manpower again, this weekend and next. You've all responded so brilliantly in the past, I know we can do it again!

When we applied for saplings to make the nature reserve hedge we applied to two sources, Groundwork and Woodland Trust. It was the Groundwork saplings that we planted a few weeks ago, and the Woodland Trust have just got back to Jo to say that their saplings will be coming next week and will need planting as soon as possible!

We anticipated this might happen, and so our plan is to plant them along the metal fences edge of the nature reserve on the Balfour Street side, fill in any gaps on the sides we've already done, and then plant any surplus adjacent to the nature reserve along the school boundary fence.

Therefore we are needing the same approach again. This Sunday 1st March we need to prepare the ground as much as possible to make the planting easier, and then Saturday 7th (and if we need it Sunday 8th too) we will then plant the saplings.

Each of these days, simply turn up from 10am at the nature reserve to dig in and help!

Also, watch out for yet another tree planting event very soon as the trees for the Community Orchard on the old bowling green site will be with us soon.

Finally, also coming soon in March, the weekend of 28th and 28th March is York Council's "Big Spring Clean" where there is a big push for volunteering groups to spruce up the city. Of course we will be participating, including a good go at clearing litter and debris from our streets plus also we plan to smarten the swings in Victoria Park with a lick of paint.

I hope you've all noticed the bulbs coming up from last year's Paint and Plant weekend. Lots happening to make us proud of our neighbourhood!

Cheers

David