



"Barnabas, the Encourager"

St Barnabas News

16th April 2018

Community, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Courage'

Learning about Different Religions

Through our RE curriculum, children learn about different religions. To support this area of the curriculum, we will be holding an Islam Day this Wednesday. We will be welcoming Imran Kotwal from '[Muslim Learner Services](#)' who will lead a whole school assembly and a workshop for each class about different aspects of Muslim life and belief. Feedback from other schools that Imran has worked in is extremely positive and we know that the children will learn a lot from his visits.

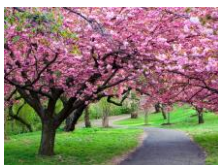
To ensure that children have opportunities to meet people from a range of different faiths (one of our development points from our last SIAMS inspection), we are planning visits from other local faith leaders this term and will let you know more about this.

Sports Relief Sportathon Sponsor Money

The children put lots of effort into their chosen Sportathon activities.

Please send in any outstanding sponsor money by Friday 27th April.

Thank you for your support.



BIG PEDAL 23rd April – 4th May

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2018, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. We would love everyone to be involved.



The details

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school (at least the last 5 minutes of their journey). We will also be recording the number of children walking to school. Our best 5 days will determine our final position in the challenge. We'll be competing against other schools across the UK, and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

Bling Your Bike/Scooter/ Walking Shoes

On **Wednesday 2nd May** we invite children to make their bike, scooter (or shoes if they have walked) as fancy as possible. There will be prizes for winners of each category and we will be entering the local competition to win the chance to take 10 children to the closing ceremony of the Schools' Tour de Yorkshire by entering a photo of our best blinged bike.

Cycle, scoot and snap to win family prizes

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you and your child cycling or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin. To be in with a chance of winning follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook [facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans).

What's next?

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too!

Warm weather!

Apparently we are going to see some sunshine at last this week after what has seemed like a very long winter. As we are now in the summer term, please ensure that your child is prepared for warm / hot weather by sending in a full water bottle each day, putting sunscreen on before they come to school and sending them with a cap or suitable sun hat.

Remember to return your Countryside Live visit letters as soon as possible. We need written permission for this visit as we will return to school after the end of the school day. If you have offered to help on the visit, we will be in touch soon to let you know the arrangements.

Please Park Politely!

We have had complaints from local residents of cars blocking their driveways at school drop off / collection time. Residents have also reported that they have been spoken to rudely when they have asked parents not to block driveways. We are also concerned about the safety of children around the school entrance due to the dangerous driving and parking at these times. We have reported our concerns to the council who are monitoring the situation / coming to issue parking fines to vehicles parked on double yellow lines. If you have to drive your children to school, please try to avoid parking on Jubilee Terrace as it is a real bottleneck. Thank you!



PE Kits in school every day please

- We have a number of different sports specialists working with classes this term and children will hopefully be able to get outside more for some daily physical activity.
- Therefore please ensure that PE kits are in school every day (and taken home at the weekends to be washed).
- PE kits should consist of dark tracksuit bottoms/leggings/ shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Vest tops are not at all suitable for PE.

Thank you for your support with our Easter celebrations. There were so many fabulous entries to the egg decoration competition which brought lots of smiles and joy!
Well done to Shakespeare Class for their wonderful acting of the Three Trees story as part of our Easter service at Church.

Going for Gold

Thank you to those parents who attended the drop-in to give feedback about the 'Going for Gold' approach to promoting positive behaviour. We are finalising the changes suggested by parents, pupils and staff and a final version will be stuck in children's planners/ put on the website in the next week or so. Children have returned with great, positive attitudes to school and their learning and are already striving to reach silver and gold. Clasdojos will continue to be added wherever possible each day – teachers will endeavour to add these as close as possible to the end of the school day but as they sometimes run clubs/ need to attend meetings, they may not be added until later in the day. On the occasions that the class has been taught by a supply teacher, we will endeavour to support them to add dojos but we cannot guarantee this. A message will be left for the class teacher who will try to add them at a later time.



This term's value is Justice

Children will be learning more about how we can make our communities (school, local, global) more 'just' (fair) for everyone.

They will be learning about the importance of rules and laws in this. The home-school value sheet can be viewed [here](#) and has been sent home to each child as a paper copy. There are some stories and activities on here that you may like to complete as a family.



Mrs Taylor's return and Miss Denley leaving

Miss Denley has been covering Mrs Taylor's maternity leave in Luther King Class. Mrs Taylor will be returning to work on Wednesday 23rd May working Wednesdays to Fridays, with Mrs Mann continuing to work Mondays and Tuesdays.

We will therefore be saying 'Goodbye' to Miss Denley at the end of this half term.

I would like to thank Miss Denley for her care and commitment to the children during her time with us and wish her well for the future.

Event Dates Summer Term 2018

Date	Event
17/4	Last swimming for Luther-King Class
20/4	*Non-uniform day (£1) for all. Donations of cake from Edison Class please.
Wk 23/4 & 30/4	BIG PEDAL
24/4	Swimming starts for Edison class until end term (a later date than originally stated)
24/4	Cycle skills for Y3 and Y4 – please return permission forms by 18 th April
24/4	3:10-4:10pm Puncture repair workshop for KS2 pupils & parents. Please return permission forms by 18 th April.
24/4	30 min judo taster sessions for Simmonds, Malala, Edison
May	Year 2 Assessments to be carried out during May
2/5	Bling your Bike / Scooter/ Shoes day
7/5	Bank Holiday
9/5	Luther-King visit to Tropical World Scooter skills for Y1 and Y2
Wk 14/5	Year 6 SATs Tests
14/5	2:30pm Parents/Community Prayer Meeting in school
22/5	30 min judo taster sessions for Luther-King, Shakespeare & Anderson
23/5	Whole school visit to Countryside Live
25/5	*Non-uniform day (£1) for all. Donations of cake from Malala Class please.
	Wk beg 28/5 HALF TERM
4/6	Children return to school
Wk 11/6	Year 1 phonics screening
Wk 18/6	Dads invited for lunch this week Mon: Edison, Tues:Simmonds, Weds: Malala, Thurs: Shakespeare & Anderson, Fri: Luther-King
22/6	*Non-uniform day (£1) for all. Donations of cake from Simmonds Class please
2/7	2:30pm Parents/Community Prayer Meeting in school
13/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day / Summer Fair
19/7	Leavers / Summer Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm
Fri 20/7	1:45pm Leavers' Service. School closes for summer.
23/7	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

*Funds raised from non-uniform days and cake sale will be divided between a charity chosen by the class donating cakes and school fund (for special school activities & equipment).

Stay and Learn – Summer Term

You are invited to visit your child's class, to find out more about what and how they are learning in class in the half termly Stay and Learn Sessions.

These are usually about 20 minutes long unless specified otherwise. We hope that you will be able to come in on the dates below this term:

- **Simmonds:** Tuesday 1st May 2:30-3pm
- **Malala:** Tuesday 1st May 8:45am
- **Edison:** Wednesday 2nd May 8:45am
- **Luther-King:** Tuesday 15th May 8:45am
- **Shakespeare:** Thursday 3rd May 8:45am
- **Anderson:** Thursday 26th April 8:45am
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If there is an area of learning you would like to know more about (e.g. maths number lines) please let the class teacher know and they will try to cover it in the session.