



St Barnabas News

23rd February 2018

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

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day and all that is fantastic about books and reading.

We invite children to wear or bring one item linked to a book character (this can be as simple as bringing a picture) and come prepared to say something that character might say. For example for Red Riding Hood, they might bring a basket and say 'Grandma, what big eyes you've got'. Otherwise, usual school uniform should be worn.

Parents or other family members are invited to our whole school assembly at 9am where we will guess some of the book characters from the clues children give us.

After assembly you are invited to stay and share a book with your child until about 10am when refreshments will be served for adults.

Children/adults should bring a book from home that everyone would enjoy sharing.

Children will be given a £1 book token to buy a special World Book Day £1book or put towards another more expensive book.

There will also be a special World Book Day lunch menu.



Farming Film Stars

Before Christmas we were asked by the National Farmers Union if we could help them with some new educational resources....

As a result, several children from Shakespeare Class starred in 3 short films to help other children to learn about where their food comes from.

You can view the fantastic film stars in the videos below:

<https://www.nfuonline.com/back-british-farming/nfu-education/>

I'm sure you will agree that these children did a wonderful job and they certainly enjoyed themselves.

Sports Relief Sportathon

We will be holding a sponsored Sportathon on Thursday 22nd March to raise funds for Sport Relief /School funds (money raised will be shared equally).

We are still finalising the details but children will take part in different sporting activities, aiming to be active for a full 45 minutes. Sponsor forms will be sent out soon.

On this day, children can wear their sports clothes to school all day.

This is a change to the original date.

Grandparents invited to lunch

You should have received a (paper) letter this week inviting a grandparent for lunch during week beginning 5th March. Please return the slip to the office by Friday 2nd March if a grandparent will be attending. We are really looking forward to this and future lunches for Mums and Dads. A similar event for Dads will be held on week beginning 18th June. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

We will be celebrating Easter at a service at Church on Friday 22nd March at 9:30am. Children will be performing a short musical called The Three Trees as part of the service.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 6th March 3:20-6pm and Thursday 8th March 4-7pm. Please book via the online system or by contacting the office if you are unable to do this.

<https://stbarnabasyork.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Please try to attend one of these evenings. It is important that teachers can update you about your child's progress and achievements and that you can ask any questions. For children with SEN, evaluated Individual Learning Passports (ILPs) will be shared and new targets discussed.

We look forward to seeing you then.

A new lunch menu will be in place after the Easter break. Paper copies will be sent home later this term. You can view the menu [here](#).

Event Dates Spring & Summer Term 2018

(Stay and Learn session dates below)

Date	Event
	Wk beg 12th Feb HALF TERM
5/3	Grandparents invited for lunch this week (details to follow)
6/3	3:20-6pm Parents' Evenings
8/3	4-7pm Parents' Evenings
13/3	2:30pm Parents/Community Prayer Meeting in school
22/3	Sponsored Sportathon for Sport Relief / school funds – wear sports clothes to school
23/3	9:30am Easter service in Church
	Wk beg 26/3 & 2/4 EASTER HOLS
9/4	INSET – School closed
10/4	Children return
17/4	Last swimming for Luther-King Class
20/4	*Non-uniform day (£1) for all. Donations of cake from Edison Class please.
24/4	Swimming starts for Edison class until end term (a later date than originally stated)
May	Year 2 Assessments to be carried out during May
7/5	Bank Holiday
Wk 14/5	Year 6 SATs Tests
14/5	2:30pm Parents/Community Prayer Meeting in school
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
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 – Spring 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:** Thursday 15th March 2:30-3pm
- **Malala:** Tuesday 6th March 8:45am
- **Edison:** Wednesday 14th March 8:45am
- **Luther-King:** Tuesday 27th February 8:45am
- **Shakespeare:** Monday 12th March 8:45am
- **Anderson:** Thursday 1st March 8:45am – (replaced by World Book Day event)

If there is an area of learning you would like to know more about (e.g. maths number lines) please let us know by emailing or sending a note via the office and teachers will do their best to provide further information / demonstration of these through the Stay and Learn sessions.

New Behaviour Policy - Going for Gold

As part of a review of our behaviour policy we are introducing a new approach called 'Going for Gold' (attached). We hope that this approach will enable children to have a better understanding of the positive behaviour expected at St Barnabas and the kind of behaviour that is not acceptable. We also hope that it will provide better communication with you about your child's behaviour (hopefully mainly positive – but negative too).

Each class will have their name card on a coloured chart in class to match the Going for Gold poster. All children will start each day with their name on Green. Names will be moved up and down the colours throughout the day as children show the types of behaviours stated.

For positive behaviours, children can move up through Bronze, Silver and Gold. Children would be expected to meet all of the behaviours to move up. For negative behaviours, children can move down through Yellow, Orange and Red. Any one of the criteria would cause a child to move straight to that colour e.g. if they were on Green and they had been swearing, they would move straight to red. The colour that the child is on at the end of the day is recorded as the colour achieved that day. These will be rewarded mainly through ClassDojo (see section below).

If a child goes into Yellow, Orange or Red, this will be recorded at the time of the event and the consequence will be given. However, in line with our restorative approach, we hope that children will be able to get back on track and as soon as green behaviours are shown, they will move straight back to green (e.g. no need to progress up through orange and yellow if they had got to red). It is still possible for the child to end the day on green or above even if they have gone into the red!

The chart is re-set at the end of every day so everyone starts again on green. However if lots of bronze behaviours have already been shown recently by a child, they may move quickly to silver etc

Class Dojos and Parental Involvement

Children learn best when both home and school give similar messages. We hope that through this system we can communicate more with you about the positive behaviour that your child has shown and also have your support in sending a clear message about unacceptable behaviour if the need arises.

You can see how your child is doing through the **ClassDojo** app from your app store or [online](#). You will need a unique code for your child which is being sent home on paper today or Monday. A Dojo will be given at the end of the day to match the colour your child has reached that day so you will hopefully be able to praise your child for this at home. Remember that 'Green' means that your child has been ready to learn and well behaved all day so this is an achievement! I'm sure children will want to tell you about their positive behaviour.

If your child has gone into Yellow, Orange or Red, you will see they have been given a dojo of this colour as well as the colour they end the day on. For example if your child has been in Orange but has then tried hard and got back to Green, you will see both orange and green dojos for the day. We will also inform you separately if your child reaches Orange. This may be verbally or via a text, email or note in planner.

Red behaviour is very serious. Repeated red behaviour is likely to lead to exclusions. An internal exclusion means your child has to work away from their class in a different room for all/ part of the day. An external exclusion means that your child is not allowed to attend school for a certain period of time. This includes lunchtime exclusion where you are asked to take your child out of school at lunchtimes if they show repeated red behaviour at lunchtimes. Exclusions are recorded on your child's file.

As you can see, children need to consistently wear correct school uniform to achieve Gold. A reminder of our school uniform policy is attached.

As we use this system there may be parts of it we need to tweak so we will let you know how it is going and send a finalised version of the poster in a few weeks. This will also be stuck in children's planners. Please let us know your thoughts about this approach.

We hope that children will enjoy collecting dojos and will be motivated to 'go for gold'. Children have been introduced to it today and we will begin to use it from Monday so look out for dojos and celebrate all the wonderful behaviour that your child shows.

St Barnabas School Uniform

Please take a little time to check that your child has the correct school uniform. Our uniform is a sign of belonging to the St Barnabas school community with our shared aims, values and rules. We hope that children will wear their uniform with pride.

A reminder of our uniform is below:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (either plain or embroidered with the school logo)
- White or pale blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Plain grey, black, navy blue **traditional school-type trousers**, shorts, skirt or pinafore (not including leggings, jeans, chinos)
- Plain tights in school colours
- Blue/white check summer dress
- Black flat shoes. Trainer style shoes are acceptable as long as they are plain black. If children wear boots to walk to school they should change into their black school shoes once at school.

PE Kit

- plain white t-shirt,
- blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms
- plimsolls / trainers

This should be kept in school all week.

The following items are not school uniform and should not be worn for school:

- Black jumpers/cardigans
- Leggings
- Chino/jean style trousers
- Hooded tops
- Novelty Hairbands (with ears etc)
- Large brightly coloured bows

Children may wear small stud earrings that must be taken out for PE – either before the children come to school that day or by the children themselves. Adults in school cannot take out earrings. Other jewellery should not be worn.

Our school uniform items are available in all supermarkets at a low cost or can be purchased via the Tesco website: www.clothingattesco.com/icat/embschoolwear/.

Thank you to those who ensure that children always are in correct, smart school uniform.