



St Barnabas News

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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

'Community, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Courage'
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Welcome back! We hope that you had a fantastic Easter break and bank holiday weekend. It has been lovely to see the sun recently. The children are loving being able to play on the field again and the school grounds are looking beautiful.

Improved Security

We hope you like the new doors in the entrance which have made the school even more secure for the children. As previously mentioned, if you need to come to the office at the beginning or end of the school day, please come through the main doors, not through the school building. If you are collecting children from after school club, please do not allow children to press the release button for the doors as they are not allowed to do this during the school day.

A deserving charity

The non-uniform day and cake sale last week raised a total of £165. Malala class decided to support the charity, Yorkshire Air Ambulance who will receive half of this amount. The rest will go towards the coaches for the school visit. Thank you for all the delicious cakes Malala class.

Children's University Passports will have their final update next Thursday so please send them into school before then so that your child can be awarded the correct number of hours.

Thank You!

Thank you for your support with our Easter celebrations. Well done to everyone who entered the Egg Decorating Competition. Once again, the designs were fantastic and brought a smile to many faces.

It was so hard to choose the winning designs but congratulations to the following winners:

Reception: Toby

Year 1: Isla

Year 2: George

Year 3: Lewis

Year 4: Abby

Year 5: Harley

Year 6: Alice



The egg rolling was lots of fun and it was lovely to see so many of you at the Easter service in church.

We hope that the children in Simmonds class are enjoying their Bibles.

The wonder of new life!

We have had an exciting few weeks in school as we have watched eggs hatch into beautiful fluffy chicks in their special home in Simmonds class. Children and staff alike have been enraptured watching the chicks hatch and develop and Simmonds class have recorded this in their beautiful chick diaries. Well done Simmonds class for looking after the little chicks so carefully. Most of the chicks have gone back to their farm now except the two girl chicks who have gone to live with Ms Woolgar and her other hens. Children in school were invited to suggest name for these chicks and the winning names are Maple and Syrup. We look forward to regular updates from Ms Woolgar and hopefully some tasty eggs too!



The school will be used as a polling station for the General Election on June 8th. Due to the short notice of this, **we will stay open on this day**. Polling will take place in the front of the hall but the partition will remain closed and members of the public will not be able to go into the school so children will not come into contact with members of public.

The value of FRIENDSHIP

Our value this term is friendship.

Children are learning about different types of friendships and what it means to be a good friend.

Every child is bringing home a home-school values sheet which we hope you can look at together at home over this half term.

As usual, if your child does any of the activities suggested on the sheet or does anything else related to the value of friendship, please note it down or send it in to Miss Boardman so that it can be displayed and children can be awarded a certificate in Celebration Assembly.



Please return permission slips for the whole school visit to Countryside Live by this Friday. It promises to be a fantastic day with a brilliant range of activities for the children to enjoy and learn more about the outdoors.

We have allocated parents helpers on a 'first come first served' basis and almost all spaces are now filled. Thank you to all who have offered to help. If you need any support using Parent Pay to pay your contribution, please contact the office.

Parents in Class Sessions – now renamed as 'Stay and Learn'.

This is an opportunity to spend a short time in your child's class, finding out more about what your child is learning and the different ways that learning takes place.

Due to this short half term, some of the sessions have taken place in the last two weeks. The dates were on the calendar in our app although not sent out via letter so apologies if you missed them. The remaining sessions this half term are below at 8:40am-9am.

Wednesday 10th May – Luther-King

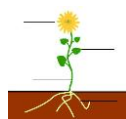
Thursday 11th May - Malala

Tuesday 16th May - Shakespeare

Celebrating Spring!

Next week, we are having a Spring Focus Week in school. Children will be exploring our school grounds, learning more about the wonderful plants and animals that we have around us. We have several visitors planned in to share their expertise through leading assemblies and lessons.

The seedlings planted by each class with the help of Mr Tooley, are about to be transplanted into the raised beds so we will be able to watch them grow into delicious vegetables.



This focus week ties in with St Barnabas Church Spring Festival Weekend on 20th/21st May which includes activities for all the family including stalls, a barbeque, a ceilidh, special church service and much more.. Look out for the flyers coming out soon. Children's work will be displayed in the church and pots decorated and planted by the children will be on sale too.

PTA News

Thanks for your donations to Bags2School – this raised £49.

The PTA will be selling ice-creams on the playground every Friday in June.

The first ever PTA 'Movie Night' will be held on 9th June. More information about the film and costs to follow...

PTA members are already busy planning the Summer Fair to be held after the Family Picnic and Sports Day on 14th July. If you are able to help on a stall / game please contact the PTA (stbarnabaspta@hotmail.com). The more people that can help, the greater the range of stalls and games and the more fun can be had!

We are encouraging everyone to travel actively to school in **Walk to School Week beginning 22nd May**. If you have to travel to school in a car please try to park and walk at least the last 5 minutes. I wonder which class will be best at travelling actively?

Our Beautiful City #walkcyclefestival, 28 May – 4 June (see flyers attached)

Join York Bike Belles and partners for a week of free and fun walks and rides to celebrate the heritage of our beautiful city. Everyone welcome! See their website, twitter and facebook pages for further information and to sign up for walks and rides.

Web: [York Bike Belles](#), Facebook: [York Bike Belles](#), Twitter: [@yorkbikebelles](#)

Of particular interest may be:

- **Community Party Launch in Rowntree Park, Sunday 28th May, 11am – 4pm** and a walk and ride led by Sustrans, Urban Buzz, York Greenways and other volunteers.
- **Pollinator Potter** (led walk), on the Solar System Way (meeting at Brunswick Organic Nursery), **Weds 31st May, 1-3pm**
- **Railway to Greenway** (led ride), on the Solar System Way (meeting at Millennium Bridge), **Fri 2nd June, 12-4pm**

More Dates for Diaries

18/5	Whole School visit to Countryside Live Day, Leeds.
20 & 21/5	Spring Festival at St Barnabas Church
22/5	Walk to School Week
26/5	INSET – school closed HALF TERM – Return 5th June
9/6	PTA Movie Night 6pm start
14/7	12pm – 4pm Family Picnic and Sports Day / Summer Fair
Mon 24/7	Leavers Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm
Tues 25/7	1:45pm Leavers Service School closes for summer
Tues 5/9	School re-opens for all children