



# St Barnabas News

9<sup>th</sup> November 2017



“Barnabas, the Encourager”

*‘Community, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Courage’*

Welcome back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Autumn Term. I hope you had a great half term and enjoyed Halloween and Bonfire Celebrations. The dates sheet has been updated with events for this half term, including Christmas events so please have a good look at them.

## Health & Wellbeing

You should have now received the lunch menu that will be in place until Easter. There continues to be 4 choices of meal so hopefully something for everyone. As we go into winter a hot balanced meal at lunchtime can really benefit the children and sustain them through the afternoon.

The menu can also be found on the app under ‘Information’ and on our website under ‘Parents’.

At St Barnabas we promote eating healthily and the importance of eating a balanced diet. Please consider this if you are sending your child with a packed lunch.

Well done to everyone who has been making a special effort to travel to school actively, especially on our Walking Wednesdays. It is great to see such high numbers and improvement in active travel in each class.

The School Council are running a campaign to promote active travel and safe parking around school and have designed some great leaflets to communicate this (attached).

The children are doing well with their Daily Mile in school several times per week and have been learning how to pace themselves and keep going when they feel tired.



## Stay and Learn – Autumn 2

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 in November:

- Simmonds: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3pm
- Malala: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:45am
- Edison: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 8:45am
- Luther-King: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 8:45am
- Shakespeare: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 8:45am – you are invited to stay for the lesson until 9:50am if you wish.
- Anderson: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:45am

This term’s sessions in KS1 and 2 classes will focus on homework activities (from the new homework menu) and use of planners as some of you have told us you would like more information about these. 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.

## This Term's Value is Compassion

Children will be focusing on showing kindness, understanding and love towards others and learning about stories in the Bible which give this message. You may like to look at the home-school sheet together by clicking on the link below.

<http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/church-school/our-values/>

Children who bring in something to show they have completed an activity from the sheet will receive a special certificate in celebration assembly.



## Christmas

The dates sheet includes various Christmas activities. Due to our increased numbers of pupils we will not be holding a whole school nativity this year.

Instead, children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will perform a nativity play in school on the afternoons of Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December at 2pm. Doors will open at 1:40pm for a 2pm prompt start. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Key Stage 2 children will take a leading role in the whole school Carol Service at Church on Friday 22nd December at 9:30am.

## School Places and Admissions

If you have a child due to start primary school or secondary school in September 2018, please apply for a place at [www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions). The closing date for secondary was 31<sup>st</sup> October (you can still apply if not already done so) and primary is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Children attending the Leeman Road Playgroup do not automatically get a place at St Barnabas – please apply via the link above.

CYC are currently consulting on school admission arrangements for September 2019 and are seeking views of parents of children who will start school (Primary or Secondary) then. Please give your views via the link below:

<https://www.york.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation>

## Academy News

As many of you know, last year we consulted on becoming an academy and in the first instance joining Pathfinder Multi-Academy Trust. After a number of due diligence activities carried out by both parties, Pathfinder informed us that they could not accept us as part of their MAT as they do not have the capacity at this current time. Whilst governors have not ruled out the possibility of joining a MAT in the future, we have decided to pause this work and take time to reflect on lessons learned from our consultations and due diligence process so that we make the best choices for St Barnabas in the future.

We recognise the value in working collaboratively with other schools and will continue to benefit from our links with local schools.

We will keep you informed of any further developments. If you have any comments on this matter, please speak to Miss Boardman or one of our governors.

## Interfaith Week

Next week there will be a range of events taking place in York to celebrate the diverse faith and cultures in the city. The attached leaflet gives you more information about this.

Also attached is a flyer from Lifezone at the Rock of York for their Kids Club.

## Start of the Day

*We ask that you say 'Goodbye' to your children either in the playground or in the cloakroom in the mornings, leaving them to come into their classrooms and organise their belongings independently. This is so that the teacher can greet the children and learning can start promptly in the mornings. If you need to give a message to the class teacher please do this via the office. For security reasons please do not come through school to the office in the mornings as visitors walking around school need to have signed in and wear a visitor's badge. Thank you for your cooperation with this.*

**Please remember to sign your child's planner weekly and ensure your child brings it to school every day. Thanks**

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Boardman or Miss Connolly who will be pleased to help you.