



St Barnabas News

19th October 2016

“Barnabas, the Encourager”

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

School will close for half term on Thursday as there is an INSET day on Friday. It will re-open on Monday 31st October. Enjoy your break!

As we are not here on Friday, you are invited to join us for a special assembly on Thursday at 2:20pm. We are having a ‘Brain Day’ in school and children will be learning more about the brain’s role in helping us to learn and to launch our focus on ‘Growth Mindset’ (more information about this to be sent home later). Each class will be bringing some learning from the day to assembly and we will be celebrating birthdays too.

New Menu



A new lunch menu will begin straight after half term. The menu will be on a 3 week cycle and includes 2 delicious hot choices and a sandwich choice every day. As we are moving into winter there are more hot puddings and custard available too (my favourite!).

Remember that all children up to the end of Year 2 are entitled to a free lunch every day, saving parents a great deal of money and giving children a filling, balanced meal. A paper copy of the menu will be sent home later this week and a link to the electronic version put on the app.

We will be having a special Halloween themed menu on Monday 31st October. This menu will follow soon.

Water bottles



We encourage children to drink water regularly through the school day and until now, have provided children with their own water bottle which we have filled up and washed. In line with many other schools, we are making some changes to this arrangement.

We ask that after half term, parents send in a named water bottle for your child filled with water each morning. This water bottle can be their current school one which we will send home this Thursday or a different bottle. Children will bring their bottle home each day so you will be able to see how much your child has drunk.

We will still be encouraging children to drink lots of water and they can re-fill as many times as they like during the day. If children forget their bottle, we will have cups available for them to use in the classroom.

Children’s University Passports

We know that it has been a while since we updated the CU Passports in school! Thank you for being patient. We hope that you have still been collecting stamps from visits to museums, libraries and other out of school clubs. For those children who have these passports, please send them in straight after half term as we have some parents who have kindly offered to update them on Thursday of the first week back.

Attached or on the link below is a flyer for some fantastic events ‘CU in the City’ events in York which you may like to attend. These fill up quickly so book your places soon!

<http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CU-flyer.pdf>



Would you like to be a Parent Governor?

- After 8 years of serving as a Parent Governor, Joyanne Ball is leaving the role as her children have now left the school.
- We are therefore looking for another parent to join our Governing Body. The additional letter /link gives you more information about this and I hope you will give this your consideration. Our current Parent Governors are Kate Roberts and Brian Lennon who would be happy to chat to you about this rewarding role, as would Miss Boardman. If you would like us to put you in touch with Kate or Brian, please speak to Miss Boardman.
- <http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Parent-Gov-election-Oct-2016.pdf>

Exciting New Computing Club

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are being invited to attend a club called ‘York Maker Hub’ to be held at St Barnabas on Mondays after half term. This is being run by a computing specialist and children will have the opportunity to learn to design games and other programming skills. The cost is £21 for 6 weeks and places need to be booked via the website www.yorkmakerhub.com. If your child is entitled to free school meals, school will subsidise this cost and provide a place for £10. Please let the office know if you would like to take up this offer rather than booking through the website.

Bike It School News



As we are part of the Sustrans *Bike- It* project again this year, there will continue to be lots of bike/scooter/walking themed events, many of them supported by Erin Gray, Sustrans Bike-It Officer. We hope that these will encourage more children to be safe on the roads and choose healthy and active ways to travel.

We hope that you were pleased with the checks and minor repairs to your bikes from the Dr Bike day last week. Thanks to Andy from Shannons Cycles and Erin for their work.

There are now lots more children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 who can ride their bikes without stabilisers as a result of taking part in the Get off Your Stabilisers session on Friday with Erin. It was fantastic to see the effort these children put in and how brave they were to get going on their own. Well done children!

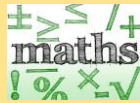
How do we teach calculations in Maths?

It was great to see so many parents at our calculation afternoon last week. We hope that the children's demonstrations of the calculation methods and the policy booklet are helpful.

For those parents who could not attend, the policy booklet will be available on our website very soon.

You may also like to have a look at our calculations display in the corridor.

A big 'Thank You' to the children from Y1 to Y6 who demonstrated the different methods and explained them so well.



Local Politics!

Well done to our Y5 and Y6 School Council members who, along with other pupils from schools in West York, put a panel of Councillors on the spot last week. They asked questions about improving play spaces, cycling, water safety and the dangerous junction into Jubilee Terrace. We hope this gave children a better understanding of politics and the role of councils. Read more about it in the link below:

<http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14792755.display/>

Fantastic Football Team

Well done to the Y5/6 boy's football team who played brilliantly in a tournament against other schools last week. Their defence was excellent; they saved lots of goals and showed great team work.



Best wishes go to Mrs Mann as she begins her maternity leave after half term. We will let you know when we have any baby news!



Have you downloaded our app?

We have had some very positive feedback from parents about our app, especially the calendar function which reminds you of events that are happening at school. We are also posting our news through the app.

If you haven't managed to download it yet, please see the information via the link below or pop into the office for a paper copy of the instructions.

<http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Introducing-OurSchoolsApp1.pdf>



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.

PTA News

Thanks to your donations and cake sale for the September non-uniform day, we raised £85 for the PTA (£85 went to Tear Fund). The PTA supported learning in Luther-King Class by subsidising their class trip to the York Chocolate Story. Thanks to everyone who supported the Bags2School Collection.

The PTA are now busy planning the Christmas Fair. If you can help or have any ideas, please let us know.

| Date | Event |
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| 20/10 | Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from Anderson Class please. Funds raised for PTA/ Anderson Class Charity |
| 21/10 | INSET – School closed to children followed by Half Term |
| 31/10 | Return to school |
| 9/11 | Y5 & 6 Bikeability Training (3 weeks) |
| 18/11 | Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from whole school please. Funds raised for PTA/ Children in Need Charity |
| 6/12 | Last swimming |
| 9/12 | 3pm PTA Christmas Fair |
| 13/12 | School Christmas Dinner |
| 14/12 | Afternoon - time tbc - School Nativity |
| 15/12 | Afternoon - time tbc - School Nativity |
| 16/12 | 1-3pm Christmas Party in School inc Disco School closes for Christmas 3pm |
| 4/1/17 | School re-opens |
| 10/1 | Swimming starts for LK class. |