



# St Barnabas News

12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome Back!

What a lovely first week in school! I am so impressed with the wonderful attitudes and behaviour shown by all the children in school both in their classes and at playtimes. I have seen some excellent learning and work in the children's books and on the wall already. Well done and keep it up children!

In worship time and in our classes we have been looking back at the Olympics and watching clips from the current Paralympics, reflecting on what it takes to be successful. Children suggested that it takes practice, effort, discipline, very hard work, resilience, carrying on when things go wrong as well as encouragement and advice from other people. We will be drawing inspiration from these athletes and trying to develop these same attitudes in order to be the best that we can be.

Each half term, we focus on a Christian Value in our worship and through all that we do in school. This half term our value is **Thankfulness**. We will be giving thanks to God for our amazing gifts and talents and for creation as well as reflecting on how important it is to say 'Thank you,' to people. Attached is some information to help you to talk about and reflect on this value at home. Please take the time to share it with your families.

## **New School App**

Thank you for your feedback about the app. Many of you have told us already how useful and easy to use it is, especially the calendar. Apologies for the confusion about assembly last Friday. We are also getting to know how to use the app so please bear with us and keep letting us know if there are any changes that need to be made or there is further information that you would like. Remember to tell us if you can't access the app easily, so that we can keep you up to date in a different way.

To download the app, search for OurSchoolsApp in your relevant app store. Put in the school's postcode and choose St Barnabas CE Primary School (not the longer title).

Some of you are having difficulties accessing the information online from a computer. The original web address was not correct. If you click on the following link and enter the school's postcode, you should be able to select the school and view the information. <https://www.ourschoolsapp.com/m/>

Please contact the office if you have any problems with the app or website it.

## **Photographs on Thursday**

This Thursday morning the photographer will be visiting. All children in school will have an individual photograph and a photograph with any siblings in school. If you would like family photos to include younger children who do not yet attend school please come to the hall at 8:20am so these can be taken before school starts.

## **Roald Dahl Day**

This month we are celebrating the 100th birthday of Roald Dahl. On Friday 16th September we invite children (and staff) to dress in a Roald Dahl themed way. There are so many brilliant characters in the books to choose from but if you need some ideas, you may like to visit the website below <http://www.roalddahl.com/roald-dahl/characters/children> to see some of the characters.

Roald Dahl stories are brilliant for children of all ages (and adults too). Why not encourage your child to read some books by Roald Dahl this month or parents/carers enjoy reading one to them?

Children will be showing off their costumes at assembly at 8:55am so please join us. Feel free to dress up too!

## **Celebration Assembly**

Good Work Assembly has now been renamed as Celebration Assembly. Everyone is welcome to join us at these assemblies on a Friday morning from 8:55am, starting on 16th September. These will be held every Friday unless we inform you otherwise. Each week, teachers choose several children from their class who stand out for their achievements that week. These children will bring home their certificate on a Thursday evening so you know whether your child has been chosen. In the assembly they will come out to the front

and we will celebrate their achievements. We also celebrate birthdays, the winning 'bridge' team and the best class attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **PTA Non Uniform / Charity Days**

One day each month, we will be holding a day where children can come in non-uniform for a donation of £1. On this day we also hope to have a cake / biscuit sale after school with one class each time being responsible for providing the goodies to sell. The money raised each month will be divided equally between the PTA and a charity chosen by the nominated class. When there are events such as Harvest Festival, Children in Need, Comic Relief, the funds will be shared with this charity instead. For example on 20<sup>th</sup> October, the whole school are invited to wear non-uniform for £1 donation, Anderson class are asked to donate cakes and will choose the charity to benefit from half of the total amount raised. The PTA funds help to subsidise the cost of school trips and buy equipment for the school.

### **Supporting future teachers.....**

We are lucky to have Miss Cashmore with us for a large part of this year. Miss Cashmore is a School Direct teaching student which means that she spends a large proportion of her time based in 1-2 schools. She will be with us much of the Autumn and Summer terms, mainly based in Luther-King Class. She will gradually build up the time she is responsible for teaching the whole class, overseen by Mr Hazeldine. We are also fortunate to have two students on teaching assistant placements for most of the year. Miss Holden will be with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays mainly based in KS1, Mrs Ross will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays, mainly based in Reception.

Clubs information will be sent out later this week and clubs will start on week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September. Dates for the year so far are on the reverse and will be kept up to date via the app.

Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Connolly or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Miss K Boardman  
Headteacher

## **St Barnabas CE Primary School –Dates 2016-17**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
13/9	2:30pm Parents Welcome to Class - Luther-King Class
13/9	Swimming starts for all Shakespeare Class and Y5 from Anderson.
14/9	2:30pm Parents Welcome to Class – Malala Class
15/9	Individual/sibling photos. Please come to the hall at 8:20am if you would like photographs with pre-school siblings.
16/9	Roald Dahl Day – Children invited to dress up in Roald Dahl themed costumes. Celebration Assembly at 8:55am – all welcome.
16/9	2:30pm Parents Welcome to Class – Shakespeare Class
18/9	Sunday – Ursula Simpson’s retirement service at Church. 10:15am.
20/9	2:30pm Parents Welcome to Class – Edison Class
22/9	2:15pm Parents Welcome to Class – Anderson Class
22/9	Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from whole school please. Funds raised for PTA/ Harvest Charity (Tear Fund)
23/9	9:15am School Harvest Service at Church – all welcome
18/10	3:20-6 Parents’ Evenings
19/10	Mrs Mann’s last day before going on maternity leave.
20/10	4-7pm Parents’ Evenings
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
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
16/12	School closes for Christmas 3pm
4/1/17	School re-opens
10/1	Swimming starts for LK class. Last session 4 <sup>th</sup> April
20/1	Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from Edison Class please. Funds raised for PTA / Edison Class Charity
16/2	Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from Shakespeare Class please. Funds raised for PTA / Shakespeare Class Charity
17/2 (Fri)	INSET – school closed. Followed by Half term
27/2	School reopens
27/2	Y5 & 6 to Robinwood Return 1 <sup>st</sup> March pprox.. 5pm
15/3	3:20-6pm Parents’ Evenings
16/3	4-7pm Parents’ Evenings
24/3	Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from whole school please. Funds raised for PTA/ Comic Relief Charity
7/4	School closes for Easter 3pm
24/4	School reopens
25/4	Swimming starts for Edison class until end term.
27/4	Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from Malala Class please. Funds raised for PTA/ Malala Class Charity
May	Year 2 Assessments to be carried out during May and June
1/5	Bank Holiday
Wk 8/5	Y6 SATs Tests this week. Writing assessments to be carried out during May and June.
19/5	Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from Luther-King Class please. Funds raised for PTA/ Simmonds Class Charity
26/5	INSET – school closed followed by Half Term
5/6	School reopens
Wk 12/6	Year 1 phonics screening
23/6	Non uniform day £1 and donations of cake from Luther-King Class please. Funds raised for PTA/ Luther-King Class Charity
14/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day / Summer Fair (tbc)
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governors Meeting

17/7	Reports out
Mon 24/7	Leavers' Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm (tbc)
Tues 25/7	1:45pm Leavers' Service. School closes for summer.