



"Barnabas, the Encourager"

St Barnabas News

22nd October 2018

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

Have you downloaded our new app yet?

We are now sending most of our reminders through the app instead of sending texts and emails. You can also find a calendar of events as well as copies of newsletters on here.

Go to **Smart School Parent App** in your app store and choose St Barnabas School. At the moment, anyone can download the app so please ignore the section that asks you to link your children to the account. Remember to update the settings section so you receive content directly related to your child's class. Please ask at the office if you have any problems.

Coffee Afternoon and Bake Off – Tuesday 6th November 2018.

We hope you can support this event which will raise funds for a memorial for Brenda Dawe and for St Leonard's Hospice.

Please see the information on the link below. We look forward to seeing you for coffee and cake at 2pm on 6th November.

[Bake Off Poster](#)



School closes for half term on Thursday as we have an INSET day on Friday. Have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th November.



St Barnabas PTA needs you!

Do you want to know more about the work of the PTA? Do you have any ideas to share for events? Can you spare a couple of hours every now and then to help at an event? Everyone is welcome at the PTA AGM on Wednesday 14th November at 2:15pm in the hall. Refreshments will be provided.

The existing committee members need to step down so we are hoping that some new members will be able to step up!

All parents / carers are encouraged to come to the meeting, even if you can't get involved in PTA events as your views and votes for the committee members are important.

If you are interested in becoming a PTA committee member please speak to Miss Boardman before the meeting.

The PTA has a valuable role to play in organising fun events that bring the school community together and also raising funds for school equipment and activities for your children (essential in these days of reduced school funding!). It is much easier if lots of people can contribute a little, rather than a few people having to contribute a lot!

We look forward to seeing you on 14th November.

Fun ways to learn spellings

Using a range of different strategies to practice spellings can help your child to learn the words more securely and also make this activity more fun!

Why not help your child to try some of the strategies in this [leaflet](#) (Click to view / paper copy sent home) and find out which one they like best?



Lucky Lunch Plates on Thursdays

Children have the chance to win a prize by having a school lunch on Thursdays for the next few weeks.

They should look out for the lucky label on the bottom of their plate to win a 'Grow' goodie bag.



Safety at School Drop-Off and Pick Up times

We remain very concerned for the safety of our children and families in the area around Jubilee Terrace due to inconsiderate driving and parking. Please do not park on double yellow lines or on pavements as children are unable to cross roads safely or they have to walk out into the road as they can't access the footpaths. Please do not block residents' driveways. Wherever possible, avoid driving down Jubilee Terrace as there is very little room.

Bikes and Scooters only to be ridden outside the school gates please

Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school playground or on the paths **before or after school** by children of any age. It is a busy place and people have been hurt in recent collisions.

Going for Gold

Some parents ask teachers for more information about why your child has reached a certain colour on the Class Dojo. I am sure you will appreciate that the teacher does not have time to communicate this to every individual parent. The behaviours that match each colour are set out in the [Going for Gold poster](#) so you can see the type of behaviours that your child has shown by reaching a certain colour.



Yellow indicates low level behaviour that is not uncommon for most children. Orange and Red indicate more serious behaviours and you will be informed of the reasons for this.

Please remember that staying on Green is still an achievement to be proud of as it means that children are showing consistent positive behaviour.

Reading Cafe 8:50-9:30am

Rec & KS1 - Tuesday 23rd October

KS2 - Tuesday 13th November

Relax and have fun reading with your child whilst enjoying some delicious breakfast refreshments.

Please book a place (for catering purposes) via

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



One of our pupils is being very brave – cutting 12 inches off her hair to support Little Princess Trust and St Leonard's Hospice. If you would like to sponsor her please visit her [Just Giving page](#).

Promoting Good Attendance

We have a new policy which sets out our expectations for attendance and punctuality, our procedures for monitoring and supporting improvements to attendance and links to a new CYC document regarding fixed penalty notices. It can be viewed [here](#). Thank you to those who always ensure that children are in the playground, ready to start the school day on time at 8:45am. We appreciate that mornings with young children do not always run smoothly!



Well done to the Y5/6 boys football team who reached the York semi-finals recently. They were proud to play in their new kit sponsored Premier League Primary Stars



Thank you for all your donations at our Harvest Service. SASH York were very grateful and will put them to very good use.

A Busy Half Term!

Thank you for your support this half term – it has been lovely to see you at events including Meet the Teacher, Stay and Learn, Celebration Assemblies and Church Services. Thanks for your help on the many class visits too.

This term so far Simmonds Class have visited York Library; all Key Stage 2 classes have visited the Yorkshire Museum to support their history topics; Shakespeare Class visited York Food Festival; and this week Malala are visiting York Art Gallery. Phew – time for a break!

COMING UP**Autumn 2 Dates 2018-19**

Date	Event
23/10	Reading Café 9-9:30 for Reception & Key Stage 1 Parents & Children (refreshments)
23/10	Luther-King Class Exit Task
24/10	Malala Class visit to York Art Gallery
26/10	School closed for INSET
	Wk beg 29/10 HALF TERM
5/11	Return to school
7/11	Key Stage 1 visit Film Festival at Yorkshire Museum (am)
13/11	Reading Café 8:50-9:30 for Key Stage 2 Parents & Children (refreshments)
Wk 19/11	Mums' Lunch Week 11:50am (Mums invited to have lunch with children) Mon: Simmonds Tues:Edison Weds: Luther-King Thurs: Malala Fri: Shakespeare / Anderson
20/11	'Get it Bright' non-uniform day (£2 donation to Children in Need)
21/11	8:45am Luther-King Stay and Learn
22/11	9:15am Edison Class Service at church & refreshments
Sun 25/11	Performance of Dance Club at Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival
27/11	8:45am Edison Stay and Learn KS2 York Minster Concert – 5:00pm
28/11	8:45am Malala Stay and Learn
29/11	8:45am Anderson Stay and Learn
30/11	Non uniform day – donations of prizes for Christmas Fair
3/12	8:45am Shakespeare Stay and Learn 3:30-6pm Parents' Evening *
4/12	2:30pm Simmonds Stay and Learn
6/12	4-7pm Parents' Evening*
12/12	Last swimming
17/1	9:15am Shakespeare Class Service at church & refreshments
19/12	Christmas Dinner
	Wk beg 24th Dec/ 31st Dec CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
7/1/2019	School closed for INSET

Dates for Christmas events to follow later.....