



Christmas at St Barnabas!



26th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Below are details of our Christmas celebrations and other events that are coming up....

Stay and Learn

We hope you will be able to attend the Stay and Learn sessions coming up in your child's class. A reminder of the dates are below:

- Edison – Tuesday 27th November 8:45-approx 9am
- Malala – Wednesday 28th November 8:45-approx 9am
- Anderson - Thursday 29th November 8:45-approx 9am
- Shakespeare – Monday 3rd December 8:45-approx 9am
- Simmonds – Tuesday 4th December 2:30-3pm

Key Stage 2 Concert at York Minster – Tuesday 27th November

Children in Key Stage 2 have been working so hard this term towards a musical performance in York Minster with a few other schools. Anyone can attend the concert (even if your child is not taking part) which begins at 5pm and is expected to end by about 5:45pm. This will be a really special event and we look forward to seeing you there.

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 28th November 2:20pm

Please come along if you can spare a little time to help with the Christmas Fair or other future fundraisers or even just to share ideas and find out more about the PTA.

Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair Prizes – Friday 30th November

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation of a prize for the raffle or tombola. If sending in alcohol, please ensure that an adult brings it to the office.

Parents' Evenings – Monday 3rd December 3:30-6pm, Thursday 6th December 4-7pm

Teachers are looking forward to discussing how well your child has done at school this term. Remember to book your appointment via the [online booking system](#) or via the school office by Friday 30th November.

Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity – Wednesday 12th and & Thursday 13th December, 2pm

The performance of 'Nativity' will take place in the school hall. Children have been working so hard to learn all their songs and words and you are in for a real treat! No tickets are required and doors will open at 1:45pm on both days. Key Stage 2 children will be watching the dress rehearsal earlier in the week.

PTA Christmas Fair - Friday 14th December 3pm

Come along to enjoy a range of stalls, including tombola, raffle and delicious refreshments. We may even have a visitor from the North Pole! More information to follow.....

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 19th December

The whole school will sit down to enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner together. A vegetarian option will be available but there will be no sandwiches or jacket potatoes on this day.

Christmas Party Lunch – Thursday 20th December

On party day (see below) we will be having a special party lunch with a great selection of party food including sandwiches, sausage rolls, ice cream and cakes. Once again, the whole school will sit down together for lunch.

Payment for both Christmas Dinner and Party Lunch (£2.30 each unless entitled to free lunches) must be made on Parent Pay before the meal is taken as we do not operate a credit system.

Christmas Party – Thursday 20th December 1-3pm

The children can wear their party clothes to school on that day (make sure that clothing and shoes are suitable for playing outside and no make-up/jewelry is worn). We hope that Santa might also pay us a visit if he is in the area.....

Whole School Carol Service – Friday 21st December 9:30am

We hope you will join us for this service in Church when each Key Stage 2 class will perform a Christmas song. The whole school will sing traditional carols together and Year 6 will lead readings about the Christmas story. We will also be celebrating birthdays that take place in the Christmas holidays at this service.

Carol Singing

On Monday 17th December, a group of Key Stage 2 children will visit Barleyfields Sheltered Accommodation on Shipton Road to sing carols to the residents. This visit is always enjoyed by the children and residents alike as it spreads Christmas joy. We will let you know if your child is chosen to take part nearer the time.

Advent Focus - 'Reverse Advent Calendars'

During Advent we are thinking about how to spread more hope, peace, joy and love. Each class would like to make a 'reverse advent calendar' - a box of at least 24 items that can be donated to a local food bank. It would be lovely if each child could bring in one item during December to add to their class 'calendar'. You may also like to help your children to take part in some Advent Challenges via from the Archbishop of York Youth Trust ([click here](#)). If your children do complete any of the challenges, please let us know so that we can give them a special mention.

Well done!

The KS2 Dance Club took part in the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival at the weekend and gave a fantastic performance. Thanks to Hannah and Drew from York Dance Space for working with the children on this. Children in Y4,5,6 took part in an Indoor Athletics Competition against other York schools recently and put a huge amount of effort and energy into all the different activities.

Thank you!

For all your support this term so far. It has been fantastic to see so many of you at the Reading Cafes, Church Services, Stay and Learn sessions, Exit Tasks and the Mums' Lunch last week. Thank you also for your contributions to the coffee afternoon in memory of Brenda Dawe. The cakes were fabulous and the afternoon raised a huge £420, half of which has been donated to St Leonard's Hospice. The rest of the money will go towards creating a garden near the Playgroup entrance.

Swimming

Year 5 & 6 will have their last swimming lesson on Tuesday 11th December. Luther-King Class will go swimming next term, but the day has now changed to Monday mornings (lesson 11:30-12). Lessons will begin on Monday 14th January 2019 – more information to follow.

**School closes for Christmas at 3pm on Friday 21st December and re-opens on
Tuesday 8th January 2019**

We wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas