



"Barnabas, the Encourager"

St Barnabas News

9th January 2019

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

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Can you help generate some additional funding for school and some financial support for you?

If you are in receipt of certain benefits or your income is below a certain level, your child may be entitled to 'Free School Meals' (FSM). Although your child may already be getting a free meal (Y2 or below), being entitled to FSM generates some essential funding for school which we can pass on to you in ways such as reduced prices for visits and additional learning support for your child.

If you think your child is eligible, please pop in to the school office with your National Insurance number by Tuesday 15th January. Thank you.

Eligibility Criteria

If you receive an income-related benefit such as Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, or income-based Jobseekers Allowance you will be entitled. You may also be entitled if you receive Universal Credit and your annual household earnings are below £7,400; or you receive Child Tax Credits with an annual household income below £16,190 with no Working Tax Credit, unless you have very recently started to claim, in which case free school meals can be provided only for a four week period.

Change to Celebration Assembly

We have made some changes to the format of our Friday Celebration Assemblies. They will now be held in the afternoon and be much shorter. Children will still be presented with a certificate but will not bring their work up to show. Unfortunately we can no longer invite parents due the reduced hall space available at the new time. Children's achievements and birthdays will still be celebrated and each week the names of children awarded with certificates will be sent out via the 'News' section of our app.

We recognise that it is important for you to see your child's achievements and we hope that you can do this by coming to Stay and Learn sessions, Exit Tasks, services at Church and our termly Learning Cafes. We feel that making this change to assembly will allow more quality time in the mornings, when children are most alert, to be spent on learning in class. Please speak to Miss Boardman if you have suggestions for other ways that you can be more involved in your child's learning and achievements.

If you have been collecting new and used stamps for the Air Ambulance, please send them into school so that we can get them sent off and help to raise valuable funds.

Well done to the KS2 pupils who raised £64 for the Alzheimer's Society through their hot chocolate stall before Christmas.

Stay and Learn – Spring Term

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 this term:

- **Simmonds:** Monday 28th Jan 2:30pm, Thurs 21st March 2:30pm
- **Malala:** Weds 30th Jan, Weds 20th March 8:45am
- **Edison:** Thurs 24th Jan, Tues 19th March 8:45am
- **Luther-King:** Weds 23rd Jan, Fri 15th March 8:45am
- **Shakespeare:** Thurs 31st Jan, Thurs 21st March 8:45am
- **Anderson:** Fri 25th Jan, Fri 22nd March 8:45am

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.

Clubs this term

Details of this term's clubs are below. Please sign up via

<https://stbarnabasyork.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> or by contacting the school office (apart from Y6 Study Club where letters have been sent)

Name of club	Who can attend?	Day/ Time	Start date	End date	Club Leader	Cost
Year 6 Study Club	Y6	Tuesdays 3-4pm	15.1.19	7.5.19	Ms Woolgar/ Miss Boardman	Free.
Drama Club*	Y2 & 3	Tuesdays 3-4pm	15.1.19	9.4.19	Abby Warren	Free
Dance Club	Year 1&2	Wednesdays 3- 4pm	16.1.19	10.4.19	Hannah & Drew (York Dance Space)	Free
Multi-sports	Y3 & Y4	Thursdays 3-4pm	17.1.19	4.4.19	Mr Lloyd (External Sports Coach)	Free

*Drama club is currently only for children who attended last term in order to build on the work they started. There is no need to re-book but please let us know if your child no longer wishes to attend. We will let you know if places become available.

Active Thursdays!

Starting from next week, on a Thursday morning from 8:15-8:40am, there will be a range of physical activities on the playground for children to take part in, supervised by Mr Lloyd, our new PE specialist. Children can just come along and join in – there is no need for them to be in PE kits but they are welcome to wear their trainers and change into school shoes at 8:40. Parents need to stay on the playground as usual until children have been handed over to their teachers at 8:45am.

Walking Wednesdays

We are re-starting our Walking Wednesdays where children are encouraged to come to school on foot, scooter or bike. The number of children travelling actively to school on Wednesdays is recorded and the best class wins the Sustrans Teddy Bear for the week. If your child has the 'golden lock' on their bike / scooter handle bars at the end of the day, please take it to the office and your child will win a prize.



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. Thank you for your support.

Have you downloaded our new app yet?

We are now sending 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.

There will be an American Themed Day Lunch next Thursday 17th January – please see the attached [menu](#) (click to view)

Maths Cafe 8:50-9:30am

Rec & KS1 - Tuesday 12th February

KS2 - Tuesday 12th March

Relax and have fun playing maths games and fun activities with your child whilst enjoying some delicious breakfast refreshments. Please book a place (for catering purposes) via

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

Spring & Summer Dates 2019

Date	Event
11/1	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Shakespeare Class please
23/1	Luther-King Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
24/1	Edison Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
25/1	Anderson Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
28/1	Simmonds Class Stay and Learn 2:30pm
30/1	Malala Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
31/1	Shakespeare Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
6-8 th Feb	Y5/6 on residential at Robinwood
12/2	Maths Café 9-9:30 for Reception & Key Stage 1 Parents & Children (refreshments)
15/2	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Luther-King Class please
	Wk beg 25th Feb HALF TERM
4/3	Children return
11/3	Y5/6 Bikeability (cycle training) Mon pms 4 weeks
12/3	Maths Café 9-9:30 for Key Stage 2 Parents & Children (refreshments)
13/3	Simmonds Class Stay and Learn 2:30pm
15/3	Luther-King Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
19/3	Edison Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
20/3	Malala Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
21/3	Shakespeare Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
21/3	9:15am Luther-King Class Service & refreshments
22/3	Anderson Class Stay and Learn 8:45am
8/4	Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm
11/4	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Wk beg 15/4 & 22/4 EASTER HOLIDAY
29/4 (Mon)	Children return to school (No INSET)
3/5 (Fri)	Swimming starts for Edison
May	Year 2 statutory assessments to be carried out during May (please do not book holidays)
3/5	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Edison Class please
6/5	Bank Holiday
9/5	9:15am Simmonds Class Service in church & refreshments
13/5	KS2 SATS week (please do not book holidays)
21/5	Spelling Café 9-9:30 for Key Stage 2 Parents & Children (refreshments)
24/5	INSET – school closed
	Wk beg 27/5 HALF TERM
3/6	Children return to school
7/6	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Malala Class please
Wk 10/6	Year 1 phonics screening (please do not book holidays)
18/6	Spelling Café 9-9:30 for Reception & Key Stage 1 Parents & Children (refreshments)
27/6	Malala Class Service in church & refreshments (time tbc)
5/7	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Simmonds Class please
12/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day
18/7	Leavers Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm
Fri 19/7	1:45pm Leavers Service (tbc.) School closes for summer.
	Return to school Tuesday 3 rd September 2019