



"Barnabas, the Encourager"

# St Barnabas News

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

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

We hope you enjoyed the half term break.

## Parents' Forum

The first Parents' Forum will be held this **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 5:15-6pm** in the hall. Please come to the main entrance.

These meetings will be held once per term with Miss Boardman. They are an opportunity to consult with you about new initiatives and for you to share your ideas about specific themes. On the survey, half of respondents preferred a meeting at the beginning of the day and half preferred the early evening. We will therefore alternate between the two times.

This first meeting will focus on the themes of home-school communication and our behaviour policy and procedures. I am interested on your views on the use of our 'Going for Gold' and ClassDojo system.

I look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to attend and would like to give your views about these areas, please have a chat with me in the mornings as I am by the gate.

## Improving Home –School Communication

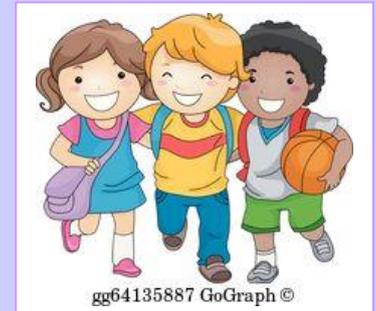
Thank you for your positive feedback about the changes we have made so far to home-school communication. You have told us that being able to pass messages on to the teachers before school and by ClassDojo is helpful. In the next few weeks we will be sending information home about how we are streamlining our communications with you (e.g. via app/emails) so that essential information is easier to find. If you have further suggestions or feedback please let us know.

## Friendship week

Next week is Friendship Focus Week at St Barnabas.

Through a range of activities children will focus on areas such as

- How to be a good friend?
- Solving problems in friendships
- Seeing things from others' points of view
- What is bullying and how it makes people feel?
- The difference between bullying and 'falling out'



Luther-King and Shakespeare classes will work with Konflux Theatre to explore these themes through drama, resulting in a play to be performed for parents and other children in school. All parents are welcome to attend

- **Shakespeare Class play 'Lean on Me' - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm**
- **Luther-King Class Play 'Football Crazy' - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm**

Parents are invited to attend our **Celebration Assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 9am** when each class will present some of their learning from the week.

## Healthy Lifestyles

Well done to the Key Stage 2 children who took part in city wide sporting events recently. 30 children from across KS2 took part in the Brownlee Brothers mini triathlon at York Sports Village and the Y5/6 cricket team played really well in their tournament against other York schools. Remember that Mr Lloyd runs activities on the playground before school on Thursdays and everyone is welcome to join in.

We have made some improvements to our playtime activities recently. The children love playing on the football pitches now marked out on the field with the new goals. In addition to our usual small equipment (bats, balls, hoops etc), we now have a giant 'Connect 4' and 'Snakes and Ladders' for children to enjoy. Classes continue to do the daily mile on days when they don't have PE.

### Whole School Trip

This year the whole school will be visiting **Fountains Abbey on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. Children will be able to explore the abbey ruins, enjoy the beautiful grounds and have fun in the huge, recently improved play area.

The PTA will be subsidising the cost of the coaches so we are asking for a voluntary contribution of just **£3.50 per child for this visit, to be paid on Parent Pay by 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. Although contributions are voluntary, if we don't have sufficient funds to cover the cost of school visits, we have to find this from the budget for resources to support children's learning. We therefore ask that you pay this contribution if at all possible.

We can usually take quite a few parent helpers on this visit so if you would like to help, please let your child's class teacher or the office know by 24<sup>th</sup> June. We will let you know after this date if we can take everyone who has offered to help.

It has been great to see so many of you at our Reading and Maths Cafes this year. This term the cafes will have a reading and spelling focus and refreshments of drinks and pastries will be available. They will take place at 8:45-9:30am on:

- YR & KS1 – Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June
- KS2 – Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June (a change from the original date).

Please [book your place](#) (online or contact the office) for catering purposes.

**Thank you for supporting our recent bookswap event which raised £90 to help to subsidise the cost of school visits. We hope that the children enjoyed their 'new' books. Thanks to Miss Connolly and Mrs Murrie for organising this.**

### Warm Weather

As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer, please ensure that your child brings a full water bottle to school each day. We also recommend that children bring sun hats / caps (children in Simmonds class have lovely new hats with neck flaps donated by York Cancer Care).

The staff are not able to apply sun cream so please either put this on before children come to school or teach your child to apply their own. Thank you for your support with this.

### Goodbye and Thank You Mr Cumming

Mr Cumming will be leaving at the end of the summer term to take up a new job in a York school. We would like to thank him for the valuable contributions he has made to the school in his role as class teacher, SENCo and Governor over the last 13 years at St Barnabas. We will miss him and wish him well in his new post. As he remains unwell, he is not likely to return to work before he leaves but hopefully he will pop in so we can say a proper 'Goodbye' to him. We are currently recruiting a replacement teacher and will be able to let you know more details at the end of June.

### PTA News

Thanks to those who attended the AGM where a new treasurer and vice chair were elected and the accounts for the last financial year were shared. Click [here](#) to view minutes of the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm to plan the Quiz Night (4<sup>th</sup> July – flyer attached), Summer Fair (12<sup>th</sup> July) and end of term disco (18<sup>th</sup> July). If you are able to help at any of these events please come along to the meeting or contact Tasha at [stbarnabaspta@hotmail.com](mailto:stbarnabaspta@hotmail.com)

### You can now raise funds for the PTA whilst shopping online.....

It's a really easy way to raise money – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,600 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbarnabascoeps/> and click 'support us'. You can make your contributions anonymous by changing your preferences in settings. Thank you!

Luther-King Class learned so much on their fantastic visit to Tropical World recently. Malala Class enjoyed their visit to Homestead Park with parents. Thanks for your help with these visits.

### Improving our school grounds

You may have noticed some changes to the field. We have had the pond area removed as it was in need of expensive repairs and was difficult to maintain as it became overgrown so quickly with nettles.

This area will become a new improved 'wildlife area' in which children can explore and learn about nature. Over the next few months we will be developing this area further by adding plants and other items that attract and support wildlife. It also means that children playing in this area are more visible, so creating a safer outdoor space. The barrier will remain in place whilst the grass grows.



## Spring & Summer Dates 2019

\*new date added or changed since previous newsletter

Date	Event
5/6	5:15pm Parents' Forum meeting
7/6	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Edison Class please
Wk 10/6	Year 1 phonics screening (please do not book holidays) Friendship Week
10/6	2:30pm Shakespeare Class play 'Lean on Me'
11/6	2:30pm Luther-King Class play 'Football Crazy'
14/6	9am Parents invited to Celebration Assembly
13/6	*8:45am Anderson Class Stay & Learn
18/6	Spelling Café 9-9:30 for Reception & Key Stage 1 Parents & Children (refreshments)
19/6	*Shakespeare Class visit to Royal Mail Sorting Office
19/6	2:30pm – Official opening of 'Brenda's Bench' in memory of Brenda Dawe who worked in the Leeman Road Playgroup. The bench will be placed on the grass near the Playgroup entrance.
20/6	Y6 visit to York St John's University – all day Pm – Y5s visit Milthorpe for science taster session
24/6	*YOYO whole school assembly and workshop for Year 6 'It's Your Move' *Last day to let us know about being a Parent Helper on school trip
25/6	Spelling Café 9-9:30 for Key Stage 2 Parents & Children (refreshments)
27/6	9:15am Malala Class Service in church & refreshments
2/7	*Contributions paid for school visit by today (£3.50) on Parent Pay
3/7	*Year 6 visiting high schools (& pupils at Manor on 4/7)
4/7	PTA Quiz Night 7-9pm
5/7	*Year 6 attend Diocesan Leavers' Service at Selby Abbey Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Simmonds Class Last swimming for Edison Class
10/7	*2:15pm Simmonds Class Exit Task (Royal Ball) – Parents invited
12/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day followed by Summer Fair from 3pm
16/7	*Whole school visit to Fountains Abbey (8:45-3pm)
18/7	Leavers Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm
Fri 19/7	1:45pm Leavers' Service. School closes for summer.
	Return to school Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019