



St Barnabas News

23rd September 2019



"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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

Well done to the Y5/6 boys football team who played brilliantly in their tournament against other York schools last week.

Harvest Service

We hope that you can join us for our Harvest Service on **Friday 27th September at 9:15am**. This year we are supporting '**Bundles of Joy**' (see information that was sent out last week). Find more info at bundlesofjoy@thebesominyork.co.uk. It would be great if children could bring one or more items from the list sent out last week. However, if you are unable to do that, and would still like to contribute, please pop some money in an envelope so we can put it towards buying a baby bath to put the items in to take to the charity. THANK YOU



Clubs & Active Thursdays

Information about clubs has already been sent out. We only have Y1-Y3 Dance Club and KS2 football club running at the moment but we are hoping to have others running later in the term.

Mr Lloyd, our PE specialist, will be running the Active Thursday club before school from 8:15-8:40am with a range of physical activities on the playground (in the hall in case of wet weather) for children to take part in. Children (and parents) can just come along and join in – there is no need for 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.

Pupil Details Update Forms

You should have received your child's personal information form to check and amend if necessary. Please return it as soon as possible.

It is essential that we have your up to date information with the correct emergency contact details for at least 2 people.

Scarborough Bridge Official Opening

One of our pupils has been chosen to officially open the new improved Scarborough Bridge at the event on **Saturday 28th September**. Activities and refreshments for families will be available from 10am at the Earlsborough Terrace side of the bridge.

Look out for class newsletters in the next few days, giving information about what your child will be learning this term. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

Celebrating different cultures

In order to support children's understanding of and respect for different cultures, we will be holding a Diversity Day on **Tuesday 8th October**. Children will be taking part in a range of multi-cultural workshops led by a specialist visitor as well as a range of other activities. We would like to celebrate the different cultures in our school community and we would love for parents to come in to share some information about food, clothing, religion, language or any other areas of different cultures. Please speak to Miss Boardman or your child's teacher if you are willing to do this. **Parents are invited to assembly at 2:30pm when children will share their learning from the day.**

On **Monday 7th October**, the whole school will enjoy a performance of African drumming with the Reception and Key Stage 1 children taking part in a drumming workshop. **Parents are invited to a performance at 11:30-11:45am.**

These experiences are funded by school and money raised from non-uniform days goes towards this.

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.

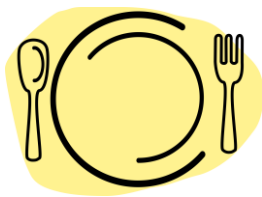
Wherever possible, avoid driving down Jubilee Terrace as there is very little room.

Bikes and Scooters to be ridden only 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.

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.



Remember to sign up your child for flu immunisation

Flu immunisation through a nasal spray is being offered to all children in school from Reception to Year 6 this year. You should have received a letter by email (18/9) asking for you to sign up your child for this by 15th November.

This will help protect your child against (flu) and stop the spread of the virus within schools, families and the wider community. Vaccinating your child doesn't just protect them – by helping to stop the spread of flu this winter they will also be protecting vulnerable friends and family of all ages.

If you have not received a letter, please click [here](#) or contact the office.

Thank you for your support with donations and the cake sale for non-uniform day on Friday. Anderson Class have chosen the charity which will be 'Children in Need'.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Children are responding really well to our new school rules and approach to managing behaviour. Each class now has a recognition board and children's names are displayed on here when they have shown a certain type of behaviour linked to our rules. If you ask your child, they should be able to tell you more about it.

Some children have already received a 'positive note home' either through a dojo message or written note. This is for consistently showing positive behaviour so children should be very proud of this.

We are spotting a lot more children who are showing great behaviour in school and we are trying to making sure that they get the recognition that they deserve. If children have gone 'the extra mile' at home, please let us know so we can acknowledge this in school too.

Stay and Learn

Each half term, parents are invited into class for 20-30 minutes to take part in an activity with your child. We hope that this gives you a chance to see what your child is learning so that you can have a conversation with them at home about it. You may also like to use some of the same ideas to support your child at home.

Stay and Learn dates for this half term are as follows:

Simmonds: Wednesday 9th October 2:30pm

Malala: Tuesday 1st October 2:30pm

Edison: Wednesday 2nd October 8:45am

Luther-King: Thursday 10th October 8:45am

Shakespeare: Wednesday 16th October 8:45am

Anderson: Thursday 17th October 8:45am

Importance of Good Attendance

I would like to remind you of advice from the Department for Education which impacts on the way in which any requests for leave of absence including for holidays in term time will be dealt with.

It is intended that this guidance should further reduce the amount of time children lose to holidays in term time. In 2017-18, 17.6% of all absence in City of York primary schools was due to holidays being taken in term time whilst the national average was 13.9%.

Head teachers have clear guidance to say that they should not authorise any requests for leave of absence in term time unless in exceptional circumstances. It is for each head teacher to make a decision as to what circumstances they consider to be exceptional. However, things such as the cost of a holiday or availability of a particular holiday are not considered exceptional. There should be very few requests for leave of absence in term time that will be regarded as exceptional and therefore most requests will be declined and therefore marked as unauthorised.

Parents do not have an automatic right for their children to have authorised absence to go on holiday. Parents can be issued with a Penalty Notice if their child is absent from school for a holiday in term time which is not authorised by the head teacher. A Penalty Notice can require a parent to pay a sum of either £60 or £120. Each parent can be issued with a notice for each child so two parents with two children can potentially be issued with four notices.

If you wish to apply for leave of absence for your child, please complete the 'Leave of Absence' form available from the school office. You should allow 2 weeks for this request to be processed.

Remember that the school day and learning begins at 8:45am. Children should be on the playground ready to line up by this time. Cloakroom doors are closed by 8:50am.

Children receive a "late mark" if they arrive between 8:50-9am and an absence mark for the morning if they arrive after 9am.

Please make routine appointments out of school time.

Improving attendance is one of our improvement areas from our last Ofsted inspection.

We appreciate your support with this.



Educational Visits

Classes have enjoyed a range of visit this term so far and more are planned. These visits enrich children's learning as they provide real life and hands on experiences that are difficult to provide in school.

- Shakespeare and Anderson Class have visited the National Railway Museum.
- Shakespeare Class and all Year 4 pupils are visiting York Food Festival this week.
- Luther-King class will be visiting The Yorkshire Museum and The Dig.
- Malala and Edison classes will be visiting Flamingo Land zoo.

We try to keep the costs of these visits to a minimum and we are grateful for your contributions towards them.

Free Entry for Children to York Museums

Look out for the leaflet and card coming home this week entitled My YMT Card.

With this card, children receive FREE admission to York Castle Museum, the Yorkshire Museum and York Art Gallery.

Learn to Ride without Stabilisers

Look out for the letter being sent home this week inviting children in Simmonds, Malala and Edison to take part in a session run by Sustrans, helping them to learn to ride their bike. Please note – parents need to accompany the child at the session.

PTA News

Thank you to those who attended the meeting last week. Some great ideas were shared and dates put in for various events (see below and dates sheet).

One possible idea is to have a Halloween Disco on Wednesday 23rd October. This cannot take place unless we have enough helpers. If you would be able to help at this disco please contact Tash Hitch via stbarnabaspta@hotmail.com as soon as possible. We will confirm if the disco is taking place as soon as possible.

Easy fundraising

You can raise funds for the PTA whilst shopping online. It is really easy way to raise money – just use the easyfundraising site or app to shop online with over 3600 well known online stores such as Amazon, Argos, Booking.com. The retailer sends a donation to the PTA. Please visit our [easyfundraising page](#) and click support us and start shopping! You can make your donations anonymous in settings.

PTA Calendar 2019/20

HELP NEEDED!!!! If you are able to volunteer to help at one or more of these events please contact me at stbarnabaspta@hotmail.com or leave a message at the front desk for me. All new ideas are always greatly appreciated too.

Without the help of parents we will be unable to hold all of these activities.

Sunday 13th October 10am-12 noon. Parents and children to shake collection buckets at McDonalds Monks Cross

Wednesday 23rd October- Fancy Dress Halloween Disco (provisional – time tbc)

6th December -Christmas Fair 3pm

27th March- Spring Fair 3pm

1st May – Children's' Film Night

10th July- Summer Fair 3pm

16th July - Summer Disco 6-7pm KS1 7.15-9pm KS2

**Thanks
Tash Hitch**