



St Barnabas News

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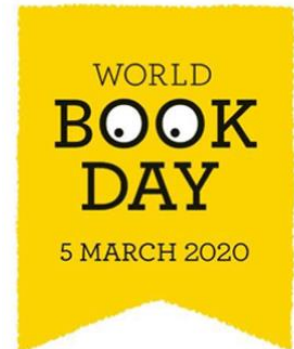
"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We will be celebrating reading and books on this day. Children are invited to dress up fully as a book character or wear / bring an item related to a book. Children can wear their own clothes if they don't want to dress up but we ask that all children bring in a favourite book to share. Parents are invited to World Book Day Assembly at 9am.

Look out for the book voucher worth £1 that all children will be receiving. Most supermarkets have books that the voucher can be used to buy. Happy Reading!



Parents' Evenings Changes

Meetings with all teachers will take place in the hall instead of the classrooms this time. There will be space to wait for your appointment in the hall but children's books will be on display in the corridor at the side of the office. There should be plenty of space to have private conversations with the teachers.

We will review how this new arrangement works so we would be interested in your feedback. Mrs Taylor will still see parents in the classroom for her additional day on Tuesday.

Dance Club will be cancelled on Wednesday 4th March due to Parents' Evenings.

Netball club on Thursday will take place unless it is too wet to go outside.

The Out of School Club will be open for free Stay and Play sessions whilst parents attend the meetings.

If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please contact the office who will be able to help you.

Coronavirus

We receive regular updates from Public Health England and will keep you updated as the situation changes. If you have been to one of the affected places / countries, please seek advice from 111 and keep us informed.

The latest guidance (today) is that people who have returned from [Category 1 specified countries/areas](#) in the last 14 days should self-isolate. This includes avoiding attending an education setting or work until 14 days after they return.

People who have returned from [Category 2 specified countries/areas](#) in the last 14 days, are advised to stay at home if they develop symptoms. All other pupils or students and staff should continue to attend school or university, including their siblings attending the same or a different school (unless advised not to by public health officials).

We will continue to remind children to wash hands regularly and properly and to catch coughs and sneezes with tissues that should then be thrown in the bin. It would be helpful if you could also remind children about this too. Please also be reassured that the cleaning in school is of a very high standard and is frequently monitored by the Local Authority.

Attendance / Leave of absence in term time

A letter about leave of absence / holidays in term time is attached.

At Parents' Evening you will receive information about your child's attendance and lates this year. Good attendance is classed as above 96%. Attendance below 90% is a cause for concern and children are classed as 'Persistent Absentees' by the Department for Education in these cases. Remember that children arriving after 9am have to be marked as an unauthorised absence for the morning.

Donations towards the cost of school visits – please help!

We believe it is really important to take the children on educational visits as this brings the learning to life in a way that we cannot do in school. For example, children can handle real life objects in a museum.

We try to subsidise the visits as much as we can through fundraising but we rely on parental contributions as well. With swimming, we fully fund the cost of the lessons but we ask for contributions towards the coach.

The budget that we receive from the government is not sufficient to cover educational visits as well as essential staffing and resources.

Unfortunately, we have lost a significant amount of money this year as the cost of the visits has been more than the donations we have received. We do not want to stop taking the children on visits but in future, if we don't have sufficient contributions, visits will be cancelled. We are also considering reducing the amount of swimming as this is our biggest loss.

We kindly ask that you check your Parent Pay account and pay any outstanding contributions from visits that your child has been on this year. Many thanks.

Non-Uniform Day Donations

Thank you for supporting the donation and cake sale for the non-uniform day today. Funds raised are shared between school funds – to support special activities for the children and a charity chosen by a class. This time, Malala class have decided to support a charity that helps flood victims. We appreciate that you don't always have change to send into school so we have a link on Parent Pay for £3 to cover the non-uniform days for today and the rest of the year if you prefer to donate in this way.

A KS2 netball club is running this term on Thursdays 3-4. Please ask at the office or visit <https://stbarnabasyork.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/>

Visits to Places of Worship

Children learn about other faiths and beliefs as part of the RE curriculum.

To support their learning and understanding it is helpful to visit different places of worship. This half term, Malala class will visit a Jewish synagogue in Leeds and Anderson and Shakespeare will visit York Mosque. Later in the year Y5/6 will visit York Minster.

This week in school....

- Anderson class enjoyed a fantastic Anglo Saxon Day in school, exploring artefacts and learning about the way of life.
- Today, the whole school enjoyed a performance called 'The Fisherman's Tale', re-telling various Bible stories involving Jesus and the 'fishermen'.
- The School Council from Poppleton Road visited our School Council to share ideas about ways of working.
- Year 5 pupils visited the local area to identify a '5 minute walking zone around school.
- Lola was our first winner of the Golden Lock competition this year
- Dr Bike checked bikes to make sure they were all safe and in working order.

Spring & Summer Dates for Parents

[Holiday dates](#) for Sept 2020-July 2021 are available in the Dates section of our website.

Stay & Learn Dates

Class	Date
Simmonds	Weds 4 th March 2.30pm
Malala	Weds 26 th Feb 8:45am
Edison	Weds 18 th March 8:45am
Luther-King	Thurs 19 th March 8:45am
Shakespeare	Weds 12 th March 8:45am
Anderson	Tues 10 th March 8:45am

Date	Event
4/3	am Y1 visit to synagogue in Leeds Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm
5/3	World Book Day - Children can dress up fully or bring an item related to a character and bring a favourite book Parents' Evening 4-7pm
11/3	Y1-3 Scooter skills with Sustrans (Katrina Adam)
12/3	9:15am Luther-King Class Service & refreshments
12/3	Sports Relief sponsored event - wear sports clothes to school today
13/3	Non-uniform day in return for donations of prizes for the Spring Fair
17/3	pm - Anderson & Shakespeare Class to visit the Mosque in York
24/3	YOYO Easter Assembly & workshops
26/3	2:15pm Simmonds Class Exit Task
27/3	3pm PTA Spring Fair
31/3	2pm Luther-King Class Exit Task 'The Travel Show!' Anderson Class performance of 'Taming of the Shrew' at Theatre Royal – evening
3/4	9:15am Easter Service at church (tbc) Last swimming for Luther-King class
	Wk beg 6/4 & 13/4 EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 20/4	Return to school – No INSET
30/4	Swimming starts for Edison Class
May	Year 2 statutory assessments to be carried out during May (please do not book holidays)
1/5	PTA Film night for children - in school
2/5	Y3/4 Cycle Skills with Sustrans (Katrina Adam)
7/5	School used as polling station – staying open
7/5	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Luther-King Class
Friday 8/5	Bank Holiday
11/5	KS2 SATS week (please do not book holidays)
21/5	Simmonds Class Service in church & refreshments (time tbc)
22/5	Break up for half term
	Wk beg 25/5 HALF TERM
1/6	Children return to school

Wk 8/6	Year 1 statutory phonics screening (please do not book holidays) Year 4 statutory times tables test over next 3 weeks (please do not book holidays)
10/6	YOYO reflection / prayer spaces day
12/6	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Simmonds Class please
23/6	YOYO assembly 9am & Y6 workshop
24/6	Year 6 visit to York University
25/6	Malala Class Service in church & refreshments
26/6	Non uniform day in return for prizes for the Summer Fayre
3/7	Last swimming
10/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day 3pm PTA Summer Fair
16/7	Leavers Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm
Fri 17/7	1:45pm Leavers Service (tbc) School closes for summer.
	Children return to school- Tuesday 8th September 2020