



# St Barnabas News

27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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

## Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3:30-6pm** and **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm**. Unfortunately, Mrs Taylor will only be able to see parents until 5pm so will start at 3:30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> and will hold an additional evening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3:30-5pm. If you really need a later appointment with her, please speak to her and she may be able to arrange this on a different day. Bookings will be open from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

<https://stbarnabasyork.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/>.

## Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to complete the feedback questionnaire following the Autumn Parents' Evening. All who responded said they felt able to discuss their concerns with the teacher. Almost all said that the online booking system was easy to use, children were making good progress and they felt well informed about their child's progress. Most parents think that the print out is helpful but some parents didn't. Please let us know your ideas for improvements if you have any so that we can provide information that is most helpful to you.

## **SEN parent / teacher meetings**

If your child has Special Educational Needs, their class teacher will be contacting you over the next week to arrange a meeting with you. This will give you the opportunity to find out more about the progress your child is making towards their individual targets and to contribute your ideas for future targets and support. These meetings help to ensure that home and school can work together to best support children's learning.

## Families Get Active

It was great to see so many of you at the after school event this week and to hear about the activities you would like to do as a family. Cycle rides and walks were popular requests and these are being looked into. It is also likely that a family after school active club will be held in the summer term. I will send out further information when I receive it.

## Active Travel Activities



There are a range of activities planned this term to encourage children and families to travel actively and safely. Many of these are being run by Katrina Adam, our Sustrans link officer. Further information and booking forms for each event will be sent out nearer the time.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Active Travel & Dr Bike Day:** Stickers and prizes for children who travel activity to school that day. Children can book their bikes in for a free safety check (click [here](#) for booking form/ paper copy sent home to all children). Launch of weekly Golden Lock Competition - if children find the 'golden lock' on their bike or scooter, they can take it to the office and claim a prize.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Y1-3 Scooter Skills**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Y3 & 4 Basic Cycle Skills**

**Bikeability (Cycle Training)** for Year 5 (& Y6 who did not take part last year) will take place over four Monday afternoons after half term, starting on **24<sup>th</sup> February**. Booking forms have been sent as paper copies to the relevant children.

## Vision and Values Consultation

Thank you to those who took the time to respond to our consultation before Christmas. Your views were really helpful in shaping our new vision and values statement which will be published very soon.

A reminder of the **clubs** running this term is below:

- Monday 3-4pm Y2-6 choir (all term)
- Wednesday 3-4pm Y4=6 Dance (all term)
- Thursday 3-4 KS1 Multisports (until ½ term)

Information has already been sent out about these but there may be a few spaces left. Please ask at the office or visit

<https://stbarnabasyork.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/>

## Tuesday Newsdays

Each week in one of our assemblies (usually Tuesday) we will be discussing a news story using a new resource called 'Picture News'. This supports children to develop essential speaking and listening skills and become more informed global citizens. Through this we aim to develop children's understanding that people hold different views and the importance of respecting this. We will link the news story each week to one of our school values and one of the 'British Values'. You can find out more about this resource and how to share the news with your children in the information [leaflet on our website](#). This week's Picture News at Home resource can be found [here](#).

**Class Newsletters for this term are now available on our website (click [here](#)). They give an overview of the main topics and areas that your child will be learning this term. Paper copies will also be sent home.**

## **Welcome Back Mrs Entwistle!**

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Entwistle who has made a good recovery after her surgery and is gradually returning to full time working.

We would like to thank Mr Lichtarowicz for doing a great job covering her absence. He will still work a few days over the next few weeks with his last day being on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr Lichtarowicz is actually a trained teacher so we may still see him in school in a different role when we need cover for classes!

## **Start of the School Day**

A reminder that the school day **starts at 8:45am** and that cloakroom doors will be shut as soon as the children are inside.

To support your child with the important beginning of day routine and to get started with their learning with the rest of the class, please ensure they are on the playground a few minutes before 8:45am. Once the doors are shut, please sign children in at the office. Children arriving after 8:45am are marked as late on the register.

Arrivals after registers close at 9am have to be recorded as an unauthorised half day absence. Please help to give your child the best start to their day by getting them here on time.

## **Facebook**

**It's great to see that so many parents have joined the school Facebook group. This is another way to keep upto date with what's happening in school. Please search for 'St Barnabas CE Primary York' and request to join the group.**

**We will endeavour to post most school events on Facebook but we are still using the Parent Mail app as the main events calendar so please download this if you haven't already done so.**

## **Non-Uniform Day Donations**

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

It was good to see so many parents at the Y6 SATs presentation last week. If you weren't able to attend or you want to revisit the information given, you can view the powerpoint presentation [here](#). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms Woolgar or Mrs Bruce.

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

## Spring & Summer Dates for Parents

### Stay & Learn Dates

Class	Half Term 1	Half Term 2
Simmonds	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2.30pm	Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm
Malala	Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2:30pm	Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8:45am
Edison	Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8:45am	Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> March 8:45am
Luther-King	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8:45am	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March 8:45am
Shakespeare	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8:45am	Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> March 8:45am
Anderson	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8:45am	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March 8:45am

Date	Event
29/1	YOYO RE day in school
6/2	9:15am Shakespeare Class Service & refreshments (rescheduled from December)
13/2	9:15am Edison Class Service & refreshments Break up for half term
14/2	School closed for INSET
	<b>Wk beg 17<sup>th</sup> Feb HALF TERM</b>
24/2	Children return
24/2	pm Bikeability Cycle Training for Y5 (& Y6 who didn't do last year) - 4 weeks
25/2	Lunch - pancakes for desert
26/2	Active Travel Day - stickers/ prizes for pupils who walk/cycle/scoot to school. Dr Bike Maintenance Checks
28/2	Non uniform day (£1) & cake sale after school. Donations of cake from Malala Class please
4/3	Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm (time changed from original dates sheet)
5/3	Parents' Evening 4-7pm (time changed from original dates sheet)
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 - more info to follow
13/3	Non-uniform day in return for donations of prizes for the Spring Fair
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
	<b>Wk beg 6/4 &amp; 13/4 EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
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
<b>Friday 8/5</b>	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
	<b>Wk beg 25/5 HALF TERM</b>
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.
	<b>Children return to school- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>