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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents and Carers

End of term

I would like to say a huge 'thank you and well done' to children and parents for all your amazing home learning over the last few months. It's been lovely to see the children's work and hear stories about how the children have worked hard at home, not just on school work but learning new skills. Everyone should be immensely proud of themselves.

The summer term ends on Friday and it is incredible to think that most children have not been to school for a whole term. Work will not be set after this week and everyone deserves a good break. If you would like to continue with some home learning, there are plenty of activities on Purple Mash and other websites listed [here](#). It is always useful for children to practice number facts, times tables and reading. There are also some new [home learning maths booklets](#) which you might like to use to recap learning from the current year.

York Explore Libraries are running the annual [Summer Reading Challenge](#) which launches today. Parents can sign children up here: <https://www.exploreYork.org.uk/children/summer-reading-challenge/>

For children who have little access to computers at home, we will have 60 paper packs which you can pick up from the Reception desk between 8:45am and 3pm any day next week. Please feel free to take one

We are thinking about how we could improve our home learning offer, should we have another lockdown. We ask that you complete this short survey about this before the end of term. [Home Learning and Return to School Survey](#)

Free School Meal Vouchers

Free school meal summer holiday vouchers are due to be sent by email by Wednesday 15th July. If they haven't arrived by Thursday, please contact school as we will not be able to sort out any problems after Friday.

The vouchers are not due to continue in September as children will be entitled to a free meal in school instead.

Presents for Teachers

I know some parents/ children like to get a present for their teacher at the end of the year which is very kind, however not necessary. A simple 'thank you' is very much appreciated and means a lot. This year, we ask that presents are not brought into school. We would prefer that you spend the money on your own families but if you still feel that you would like to give something then a donation to the PTA to provide equipment / activities for all the children in school would be much appreciated.

If you would like to donate to the PTA the bank details are:
Name: St Barnabas School parent & teachers association

Account number: 01285351

Sort code: 30.99.99

PTA

Thank you to everyone who has organised and helped at PTA events this year. We still have all the donations for the Spring Fair in school, waiting for the Autumn/ Christmas Fair hopefully.

I would like to say a special thanks to members of the PTA who have children leaving school this summer: Helen Atkins, Tracy Bell and Tanya Goforth. They have all contributed such a lot to the PTA over the years to support the children with some great resources and activities.

Year 6

We are pleased to be welcoming Year 6 pupils back to school next week on Wednesday and Thursday morning as we have a little more staff capacity. We wish them well as they move to their secondary schools.

Thank you to staff

I would like to thank all the teachers and school staff who have worked amazingly hard over the last few months, setting up new ways of working from home, keeping in touch with families and setting up school for children to return this half term. They have all been so positive and adaptable and I am very proud to have such an excellent staff team.

September

We are busy planning for a return for all children in September following the latest guidance. More details, including our full risk assessment, will follow shortly before the return to school but I wanted to reassure you that our plans and risk assessments are based on the key control measures set out in the government guidance attached.

Staggered drop-offs and pick up time

In order to reduce congestion in the playground, we are having two different times for drop off and collection, with families having the same times.

Families with surnames A-K or with siblings in Playgroup will be asked to drop off at 8:40am and collect at 2:55pm

Families with surnames L-Z are asked to drop off at 8:55am and collect at 3:10pm

Bubbles

At the moment children will stay in their class bubbles for most of the time. They are likely to have playtimes and lunchtimes and mix with other children within a larger Key Stage bubble. Generally the two Key Stages will not mix with each other in school.

Lunches

We are planning for all children to have the opportunity to choose meals from the full lunch menu and for as many children as possible to eat in the dining room (in their bubbles).

The [menu](#) (click to view) will remain the same until October half term and the price of lunches remains at £2.30, paid on ParentPay.

Parent Support - Online Courses

Family Matters have just released their autumn courses which usually get excellent feedback from parents and cover a range of issues. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details.

Out of School Club

If you think you will need to use Breakfast or After School Club please remember to let us know via [this online form](#) by Tuesday.

Finally, thank you all for your support this year. I hope you have a relaxing summer break with good weather and we are really looking forward to seeing you in September.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Miss K Boardman
Headteacher