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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents and Carers

The children have really settled back into school well and are trying really hard. Whenever I walk around school I see children working hard, listening to the teachers and behaving brilliantly. They are doing so well with all the handwashing and change in routines. They should be very proud of themselves.

Well done to the children who received the first Achievement Awards in our Zoom Celebration Assembly last week. We will be posting photos of the certificates on Classdojo each week. This week we are introducing a new award – The Encourager Award. This will be awarded to someone in each class who has shown one or more of our school values of 'Courage, Compassion, and Creativity' or who has demonstrated encouragement.

ILLNESS AND COVID SYMPTOMS

We are entering the season of colds and 'the cold' has definitely arrived at St Barnabas! I understand how difficult it is to decide whether to send your child into school if they are unwell: whether they are showing COVID symptoms or whether it is just a cold.

This [leaflet](#) has some useful information which may help you with this decision. It is difficult to know whether a cough is just as a result of a cold or a COVID symptom so please consider the information on this leaflet.

If we consider that your child's cough fits this description, we will have to ask you not to send your child into school or we will send them home. We will recommend that you get a COVID test for your child and only send your child back into school if the test is negative.

I appreciate it is a challenge to get a test at the moment but keep refreshing the test booking [website](#). We have been told that new test slots are released at 10am and 8pm so these may be good times to try.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding with this. These are challenging times for all of us!

Thank you too for taking the time to discuss your child's symptoms with Mrs Galley. We are required by Public Health to record the exact symptoms of children who are absent so please give us as much information as you can when you report your child absent.

REMOTE LEARNING

If your child needs to stay at home because they need to self-isolate (e.g. a member of their household has COVID symptoms or their class has been asked to stay at home), teachers will set learning to be done at home. Children are expected to complete this work.

At the moment this will be communicated to you via Classdojo and children will be sent a mixture of video lessons and activities which link as much as possible to the learning planned for the rest of the class. We are finalising our remote learning plans and will send more information in the coming weeks.

In order to help us to provide appropriate work for your child, we need to have an understanding of the technology available to your child at home. Please therefore complete this very short survey about this by this Friday 25th September.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/122nvUqOEjMY3DCuiYonge-OOuqzhKApuqV9-4TPwP8/edit>

LUNCHES

A reminder that the full school lunch menu is available to all children and lunches are free for children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and those entitled to free school meals. There are 4 tasty lunch choices each day, including roast dinner on a Wednesday and 'Fishy Friday'. The menu for each week can be found [here](#)

PTA NEWS

Parent Teachers Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER at 3.30PM

Welcome back to another school year and to all those new parents joining St Barnabas School.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to run our usual PTA meetings and events for the foreseeable future but as a registered Charity we are required to hold an AGM. We are warmly welcoming all teachers/parents and carers to log onto a zoom meeting on Wednesday 7th October at 3.30pm. The link will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

We will discuss the year finances 2019-2020 and think of new ways we can all have fun together and raise money, whilst adhering to all of the current COVID laws and restrictions. As always we are looking for new active members to bring ideas and help us organise fundraising activities. The PTA is very important in providing funding for school trips, swimming lessons, activities and equipment to benefit all the children in the school.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but have some ideas please don't hesitate to email me at stbarnabaspta@hotmail.com

We hope to see you on the 7th.

Tash Hitch (Chair of the PTA)

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors play an important role in supporting the school to provide the best possible education for all pupils and ensuring that the school meets its statutory obligations. You can find out more about the role of the Governing Body at St Barnabas [here](#).

If you are interested please contact the school office stbarnabas@york.gov.uk for a nomination form. I would be happy to talk to you about the role or put you in touch with one of our Parent Governors.

If we receive more than one nomination, an election will be held and parents will be asked to vote for their preferred candidate.

WELCOME PHONECALLS

Teachers are offering all parents the opportunity to have a 'welcome to the class' phonecall. This will allow you to pass on any information that you would like the teacher to know and to ask questions. The teachers will send a message letting you know when they are available and asking that you reply with a convenient time for the phonecall.

It is likely that the Autumn Term Parents' Evenings later in the term will take place remotely via video call or phonecall. We will be in touch with dates for these meetings very soon.

BEING SAFE

Finally, I would like to say another thank you for following our procedures for being safe on the school site.

Please keep remembering not to gather in groups, to maintain social distancing of 2m and to follow the one way system. We also ask that children don't use the large play equipment before and after school as we have a system for safe shared use of this.

We continue to keep our procedures under review so please get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

With best wishes

Miss K Boardman
Headteacher

DATES

By Friday 25 th September	Please complete Google survey about technology at home
Wednesday 7 th October 3:30pm	PTA Meeting via Zoom
Friday 23 rd October	School closed for INSET
Sunday 25 th October	Last day to sign up for flu immunisation Click here for details
Week beg 26 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens
Monday 16 th November	Flu immunisation in school
Friday 20 th November	Photographer in school – individuals and siblings
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holiday at 1:30pm

Half Term Activities

Click [here](#) to view details of a Multi-sports club to be held at Carr Infant School during half term.