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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to start and end times of day

We are making some slight changes to our start and end times beginning from 5th January 2021.

Instead of having staggered times per family group we are moving to the same start / end times for a whole key stage. This will enable the children to have better quality learning at the beginning and end of the day, rather than one half of the class being disrupted by the other group arriving / departing as it is currently the case.

The new times are as follows:

| Class | Start time | End time |
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| Nyong'o Class YR | 8:40am | 2:55pm |
| Attenborough Class Y1 | 8:40am | 2:55pm |
| Johnson Class Y2 | 8:40am | 2:55pm |
| Farah Class Y3 | 8:50am | 3:05pm |
| Kahlo Class Y4/5 | 8:50am | 3:05pm |
| Sentamu Class Y5/6 | 8:50am | 3:05pm |

As these are the start times, please ensure that your child arrives at school a few minutes earlier so they are ready to go into school at these times.

The entrances / exits will stay the same. The playground gates will continue to be locked at 9am and the car park gates will remain half open to allow pedestrians to use them for access.

The younger children should still line up on the playground in their classes and the older children should go straight into school when they arrive (from 8:40am).

In the morning, to support families who drop off children at 8:40am and have siblings in the older classes (with the later start time), the older children are also invited to come into school at 8:40am. Their day will still officially start at 8:50am but there will be some activities for them in class from 8:40am.

At the end of the day, the older children will not be sent out at the earlier time so this will mean parents and younger siblings waiting on the playground for a short time. However as it often takes at least 5 minutes for all the younger children to come out, this additional wait time should only be for a few more minutes.

Please ensure that you continue to socially distance whilst waiting on the playground.

I appreciate that this may mean changing your beginning and end of day routine, but it is important that we make the best use of all the time in the school day to provide high quality learning.
If you have any questions about these changes please do not hesitate to get in touch.

PE Days

Some classes have changed the days they will be doing PE. Please see the timetable on the link below.
[PE and Outdoor Activity Timetable January 2021](#)

Family Get Active Courses

There are some great courses for all the family being run by Families Get Active from January. See the flyer below for more details.

<https://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Families-Get-Active-Courses-2021.pdf>

Message from the Governors

"The Governors would like to extend a Happy Christmas to all the families and children at St Barnabas School as the holidays approach at the end of this very strange year!
We want to thank you for your continued support of our School, from keeping yourselves and the staff safe as you drop off and pick up your children, to reading with your children at home.
Thank you, too, to those families who have had to support children again as some have had to go back to Home Schooling for short periods of time. We have heard that this has worked well, I hope you think so, too.
Lastly, we want to thank Miss Boardman and all the Staff in School, who have worked so hard to keep everything running as safely and smoothly as possible, especially as changes to covid protocol occur very regularly and in a short time frame.
Have a happy, restful and safe holiday. "

It has been a lovely week in school and it's been great to see the children enjoying the Christmas activities. The nativity video is almost ready and hopefully will be sent out to you tomorrow. I'm sure you will love it!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

With best wishes



Miss K Boardman
Headteacher