



St Barnabas

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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To parents of children in Johnson and Farah Class

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to let you know about some slight changes to class arrangements after the half term break.

Whilst the children have settled in really well to their new classes, we have received some funding from the government to support children to catch up after the disruption of Covid. We have decided to use some of this money to split children in Year 2, 3 and 4 into separate year groups for morning lessons (English and Maths).

This is a limited pot of funding and this arrangement will be in place until Christmas only. After that, children will revert back to learning in their current classes for morning lessons. Mixed age classes are quite usual for St Barnabas as they are in many schools and teachers are skilled at teaching the mix of ages.

Although the current classes are quite small compared to other schools, we feel that splitting them into even smaller groups will allow teachers to give the children some intense support for a half term, supporting them to catch up with any gaps in their learning as a result of Covid.

The teachers for the mornings will be as follows:

- Year 2 – Mr Smith
- Year 3 – To be confirmed. I will be able to give you this information on Thursday. This class will be called Sentamu Class for the mornings.
- Year 4 – Ms Graystone

Your child's class teacher will remain the same as now. Therefore, please communicate as usual with them and they will pass on relevant information to the Year 3 morning teacher.

Please get in touch with me if you have any questions about this arrangement.

Best wishes

Karen Boardman

Headteacher