



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

It has been a busy week in school and as the teachers have met with you at Parents' Evenings this week, I have not asked them for a class contribution in this week's newsletter.

I know that the teachers enjoyed meeting with you either face to face or remotely and I hope that you feel more informed now about how your child is doing in school. If you couldn't attend an appointment this week, please contact the teacher to arrange a different time.

Thank you for completing our 'post-it feedback', letting us know what was going well and what could be even better. A summary of the feedback is below:

### Going well...

Children love school and are happy

Parents happy with progress

Good, caring, supportive, friendly staff

Opportunities for parents to be involved

Certificates for good behaviour and work

Communication has improved (is brilliant)

Very happy atmosphere

Teachers know the learning capabilities of children and take time to help parents understand

### Could be better....

More activities after school

Communication (although this is improving)

More updates on what children are learning

More opportunities to see children's work

Cheaper after school club

## New Office Manager

After half term, we are looking forward to welcoming out new office manager Sarah Cook. I would like to thank Mrs Wilson who has covered the office this half term, picking up a lot of new systems very quickly.

Mrs Wilson is a qualified teacher and is now staying at St Barnabas next half term, teaching in Year 2/3 (see separate letter to Y2/3/4 parents).

## New Parent Governor

Following the Parent Governor Election, Katharine Harbord was the only candidate and has therefore been elected as a new Parent Governor. I'm sure that she will be a real asset to the governing body.

If you are interested in joining the governing body, please speak to me or contact Anne Williamson, Chair of Governors via the school office.

## PTA News

The annual report and minutes from the recent AGM are below. As the PTA has now closed, the remaining monies have been transferred to school. We are using this to buy a whole new set of phonic based reading books to accompany our new phonic scheme, that the staff have begun training on today. We will be able to give you more information next half term.

[AGM Minutes](#)

[Annual Report](#)

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## School Lunches

Click below to view the new menu starting after half term. [Autumn Menu 2021](#)

As we are going into the colder weather the sandwich option has been taken off and replaced with pannini / jacket potato on alternate days.

## Dates For Your Diaries

- Thursday 21st October—break up for half term
- Friday 22nd October—School closed for INSET
- Monday 1st November—School reopens
- Friday 5th November—Parents invited to Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm (parents invited every Friday unless we let you know otherwise).
- Friday 12th November—Non uniform day for Children in Need
- Friday 19th November—Photographer in school for individual and sibling photos.
- Friday 17th December—School closes for Christmas Holidays
- Wednesday 5th January— School reopens

Click [here](#) to view all the term dates for this year.

**Thank you for all your support this half term.**

**Wishing you all a lovely half term break.**

## Message from Anne Williamson, Chair of the Governors

I hope you will agree that it has been a great start to the new School year. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into a relatively normal school atmosphere and to see how well they have settled back into working and playing together. It has also been great to have Miss Boardman back in School, with Mrs Powley and Mrs Davies working alongside.

Thanks must go to the staff, who put a lot of work into sorting out their classrooms and curriculum in the summer holidays and have been sharing good practice in this half term.

The Governors also want to pass on their thanks to you, as parents and carers, for supporting the School into this new academic year and making sure the children attend school, which is so important for their catch up learning and their well-being.

We would encourage you to maintain contact with your child's class teacher and TA and not to hesitate in getting in touch with school if you have any questions that the staff are unable to answer. Please do try to come in to Celebration Assemblies and take advantage of Stay and Learn sessions in your child's class.

The Breakfast Club and Out of School Club are up and running, so again, chat with one of the staff about your child having a taster session and joining one or more of the sessions on a longer term basis.

The Governors want to wish you all a relaxing, safe and happy half term holiday.

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## Cardboard City Family Workshop

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A fun and creative workshop  
for young people and families...  
come and design, build and play!



**St Barnabas Church, York**  
**Saturday 23 October, 11am-4pm**



**St Barnabas CE Primary School** Jubilee Terrace, Leeman Road, York YO26 4YZ



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## Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

A confidential telephone support service, staffed by Educational Psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's wellbeing or learning.

Open to all parents/carers of children with additional needs or SEND, living in the City of York, and practitioners working with children who live in/attend an educational setting in York.



Calls of up to 30 minutes, available during term time:

Wednesday mornings 9.30am-11.30am

From 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

To book a slot, please e-mail: [EPsupportline@york.gov.uk](mailto:EPsupportline@york.gov.uk)

with your name and a contact telephone number.

On the following Wednesday morning, we will e-mail you with a time slot for your consultation. Booking for each session will close on Tuesdays at 5pm. Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

*Please note: the helpline offers short slots to talk with a psychologist about particular concerns; unfortunately, within the time available, we cannot advise on complex situations where different agencies need to work together to support a child or young person.*