



School Newsletter

Barnabas the Encourager

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Message from Miss Boardman

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term. It has been a fantastic first week back in school.

I would like to welcome Ms Pena Harran, our new Deputy Head. She has been getting to know the children, staff and our school routines and is looking forward to getting to know parents as well. Ms Pena Harran will be teaching various groups of children through the week: Year 3 maths each day, Y2 /3 reading group several days per week as well as covering Ms Davison's non contact time in Year 1 on a Tuesday afternoon.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Taylor from maternity leave in Johnson Class and Miss Davison who has started as the teacher rather than Teaching Assistant in Attenborough Class. They have both been setting the routines and expectations for their classes this week and the children are responding brilliantly to these changes.

Maths No-Problem! At St Barnabas



This week, we have introduced a new maths scheme of work for children in Year 1 to 6 called Maths No-Problem! The staff had a very productive day's training on the scheme on Tuesday and most began using it on Wednesday. A big focus in this scheme is on children securing their understanding by talking about their maths learning and

and finding different solutions to the same problem. As well as work in their maths books, children each have their own workbook with printed questions designed to gradually increase in difficulty. Miss Graystone and Ms Pena Harran are our maths leaders and will be providing more information to parents over the course of this term.

Multisports Club—starting Thursday 13th January

A dojo message was sent out earlier this week about bookings and all the places have now been filled. If you have not booked and you would like a place for your child, please contact the office who will add you to the waiting list.

Information about netball club will follow soon.

Free sports kits



York City Football Club have kindly donated these kits. If you would like one for your child please pop into the office to collect one. First come, first served.

Feedback on the school meals booking system

Thank you for co-operation as we introduced this new system. As it has been in place for a half term we would like your feedback about how it is working for you. Please take a few minutes to complete this very short google form. Click [here](#) to view the form.

Celebration Assembly—Fridays 2:30pm

Following parental feedback, we will now be letting you know if your child will be getting a certificate. This will be sent by dojo message to you on a Thursday afternoon. All parents are still welcome though. Please take a LDF before visiting and wear a mask in school.

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Please remember to book your sessions for this half term as well as making the payment on parentpay.

We offer the following sessions every day:

Breakfast Club £4.75

After School Club Full Session 3pm to 6pm £7.50

After School Club Early Bird Session 3pm to 5pm
£5

All now payable and bookable on parent pay. If you haven't activated your parent pay account, please contact the school office on 01904 555152 or stbarnabasprimary@york.gov.uk for an activation letter.

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 4th Feb—Non uniform day. Farah class please donate cakes for a sale after school

Thursday 17th Feb—School closed for half term (INSET on Friday 18th)

Monday 28th Feb—School reopens

Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day (more information to follow)

Thursday 17th March - Sports Relief Fundraiser

Friday 1st April—Non uniform day. Johnson class please donate cakes for a sale after school

Friday 8th April— School closes for Easter

Monday 25th April—Return to school

Learning about Safety

Through our curriculum, children are taught how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations and what to do if they have any worries.

As part of this work, we will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak Out. Be Safe. Programme. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. More details of this, as well as supporting activities that can be accessed at home are in the letter below.

[Speak Out. Be Safe. Letter to Parents](#)



Covid-19 Guidance

Please see the letter below for the most up-to-date guidance. If you have any questions or you are unsure whether your child should attend school, please do not hesitate to contact school.

[Covid-19 Guidance for Parents](#)

A full newsletter with class news will be back next week.