



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

It has been a great half term at St Barnabas with children learning well in all classes. Myself and Miss Curry (English Leader) have been looking at children's writing books this week and we were delighted to see the progress that children across the school are making. Your support with your child's learning at home really helps. Please keep encouraging children to read daily and talk about what is happening in the book and new words — remember that parents reading to children is really valuable too.

I hope that you all have a restful and well deserved break and that you keep safe in the stormy weather. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 28th February. Remember that the school day will end at the new time of 3:15pm after half term.

## Important—please return school reading books

We are missing a large number of books from our new reading scheme—Big Cat. It is essential that we keep the books together in sets so that children can read in groups with the teachers. At the moment, the lack of books is preventing other children from having the new books that they need. This scheme cost several thousand pounds and we cannot afford to replace books. Please have a good look over the break for these books and send them into school on the first day back.

Thank you.

## Good luck Mrs Bruce

This week Mrs Bruce is taking part in a fundraising trek in Romania for St Leonard's Hospice. If you would like to support this, click below for details.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachel-bruce50>

## Safety Warning—Button Batteries

We have been asked by a parent to share the dangers that swallowing a button/coin battery can cause to your child. Here is some important information from the Great Ormond Street Hospital and what steps to be taken if you suspect your child has swallowed one:

Sometimes, symptoms of swallowing a button battery do not become immediately obvious. Children may have breathing difficulties or be generally unwell. If the swallowed button battery starts to cause problems, children may cough up or vomit blood. Batteries inserted into the nose or ear can also cause problems, such as nose bleeds or bleeding from the ear.

- If you suspect your child has swallowed a button battery, you should take them to your nearest Accident and Emergency (A&E) department as quickly as possible.
- Do not give them anything to eat or drink or try to make them sick as this could cause damage as the battery is vomited back up as well as the damage it caused when swallowed.
- If possible, try to find out what sort of battery your child swallowed but do not delay taking them to hospital if you cannot immediately see what they have swallowed.

More information can be found [here](#). We wish the child a speedy recovery.

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## Dates For Your Diaries

\*new dates added

Monday 28th Feb—School reopens

\*Thursday 3rd March—children in Year 3 & 4 begin swimming lessons (see separate letter)

**\*Friday 4th March**—World Book Day at St Barnabas (Actual Book Day is on 3rd March)

Thursday 17th March - Sports Relief Fundraiser — children wear sports clothes to school. Sponsored event—more information to follow

Wednesday 23rd March—Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Thursday 24th March—Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm

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

**Term Dates** have now been set for 2022-23. [Click here to view them.](#)

## After School Club

With the success of our Christmas Craft Evenings. We are going to continue with our themed after school club sessions. Our next one is 'The Great Pancake Olympics' on Tuesday 1st March 3 to 5pm.

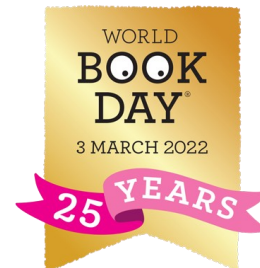
Click [here](#) for more information.

## Spring / Summer Lunch Menu

The new menu has been published and is live for bookings on parent pay.

Please click [here](#) to view the menu.

## World Book Day 2022



On **Friday 4th March**, we will be celebrating World Book Day!  
(A day later due to other class commitments.)



Come dressed in your pyjamas with your favourite book or as a character from your favourite book to celebrate that  
**'You are a Reader!'**



Throughout the day, the children will be involved in a **'booknic'**! A reading picnic where they will share their favourite stories with children from other classes and celebrate the fact that we are all readers. We will also be engaging in other exciting World Book Day activities from 'Share a Story Corner', listening to audio books and learning the new 'World Book Day' song!