



School Newsletter

Barnabas the Encourager

Courage, Compassion, Creativity

Dear Parents and Carers

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the picnic and sports day last week. I'm sure you will agree that the children were amazing and did themselves proud. It was wonderful to be able to bring the whole school community together again after two years of not being able to hold it. Please see classdojo for photos.

I can't believe this is our last week in school. See below for what's happening:

Monday & Tuesday

- We are planning activities to keep the children cool and out of the sun.
- On Monday and Tuesday children can wear their PE kits if they are cooler than their usual uniform. Vest tops are not PE kit or uniform and should not be worn.
- Please ensure children bring a water bottle and a sun hat to school. If you would like your child to wear sun cream, please apply it before school.
- The visits due to take place on Monday and Tuesday are cancelled.

Thursday

- PE / swimming as usual. PE kits will be sent home at the end of the day.

Thursday—End of term disco.

YR & KS1 5:30-6:30pm KS2 6:45 - 8:15pm

- Tickets cost £3.50 to include drinks, a bag of crisps and a bag of Haribo sweets.
- Please buy tickets on Parentpay or contact the office.
- Entry is through the main entrance. Please collect from their classrooms as per the end of day arrangements.
- Children must be collected by an adult - please let us know if this is someone different to usual when you send drop them off.

Friday

- Leavers' Service at church 1:45pm. Everyone welcome.
- 3:15pm School finishes for the summer holidays.
- Please remember to send back any school reading books asap and by the end of the week at the latest.

Thank you for your patience over the last few weeks while Mrs Cook in the office has been off. She is hoping to be back on Wednesday so will be able to sort your Parent Pay queries then.

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A letter from Anne Williamson, Chair of Governors

Dear Families

As we come to the end of another school year, the governors and I wanted to send you an update on our roles in school and the positive progress that we have seen in the last year.

Each governor is a part of a committee, for instance Curriculum, Resources & Finance, Appraisal. Each class also has a Link Governor and there are governors linked to Safeguarding and special educational needs (SEND). This year, as well as attending the governor meetings, each governor has spent time in school so we have been able to see for ourselves the progress that has been made by the children, ask questions of the staff and check the developments within the curriculum offer for the pupils.

We have seen good developments in phonics and maths with the Little Wandle and Maths No Problem schemes being adopted. The PSHE curriculum has been updated along with the History and Computing curriculum. Staff have presented these (and other subjects) to us at our curriculum meetings which helps to assure us that the school is providing a broad and balanced curriculum which coherently and confidently builds on knowledge learned from Reception to Y6. We can then follow this up on our visits. Do check the school website for more information about our school curriculum.

It is a governor's role to be a critical friend, to support and to challenge and we have done this throughout the year in different ways. We have regular governor meetings, but you might have seen a governor at your child's class "Stay and Learn" or at the Celebration Assemblies. We also listen to parent voice and children's voices and ideas throughout the year, so we don't just look at or read lots of data in isolation. We like to know the story of the child behind the numbers. Please chat to us if you see us!

Governors have also attended some of the INSET days in school, met with staff informally to hear what they have to say and been into an occasional staff meeting. Two of the governors come into school regularly to take assemblies, based on our school values. Governors receive the weekly school Newsletter and it's a good way for us to keep up to date with what is happening in each class. Governors can, of course, focus on their link class. I hope you, as families, enjoy hearing about your child's week at school.

This year, we have also been working 'behind the scenes' on moving towards being a part of the family of schools in the Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust (PMAT). The Pathfinder Trust staff have been working with the school this year and we, as governors, are looking forward to joining the Trust knowing that this will bring many advantages and a chance to continue and grow the curriculum offer for the children and staff of St Barnabas.

We know our school provides a safe place, builds resilience in our pupils and has worked to "ignite curiosity and delight in learning" this year. The school also has external monitoring visits throughout the year and at the last one, the children said they enjoy learning, that teachers listen when children need to tell them something and they recognise that they are all different, but it's important to look after each other. The visitor commented that the children on our School Council were "good advocates for our school" and were "living the school values". This was brilliant to hear – thank you to all the children who took part!

As always it has been a busy year and we have had to say goodbye to some members of staff but have welcomed some new staff into the St Barnabas family. We are set to start the new academic year in a good way.

Good-bye and "Good Luck" to our Year 6's as they move on to exciting new adventures at secondary school in September.

The governors and I would like to thank all the staff in school : Miss Boardman, Ms Pena-Haran, Teachers, TAs, the cleaning staff, kitchen staff, Sewell staff and those who join us during the week for PE and dance, for instance, and those who come in to give specialist input to some of the children.

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There have been more enrichment opportunities this year (as covid risks are fewer) with KS2 children taking part in the Shakespeare festival, a chance for classes to go swimming again, residential trips and day trips as well as welcoming visitors and families back into school.

Thank you also, to you as parents and carers, for coming into school for parents' evenings, assemblies, different functions, stay and learn, etc. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home and their attendance at school. It is so important to reinforce what they are learning in class. If you want to know how you can do this further, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Please do keep in touch with your child's teacher, ask questions and let them know if you are concerned about anything. If we know there have been changes in home circumstance, we can help where we can.

If you would like to know more about becoming a parent governor, do get in touch with school or chat to one of our parent governors.

Finally, the governors and I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and fun-filled summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back, rested and ready for the new year in September.

Anne Williamson – Chair of Governors

Summer Holiday Activities in York

Free places for children in YR, Y1, Y2 who are entitled to benefits related free school meals!



The Mini Athletics Superstar Holiday Camp

Monday 15th August to Friday 19th August
Manor Church of England Academy 8.30am -12.30pm

Open to children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
£15 per child per day

FREE PLACES for children who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals through the Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.
Email rwilson@miniathletics.com to book your free place

All children will receive a healthy breakfast and packed lunch.
To book your place go to www.miniathletics.com/holiday-camps

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Explore York are excited to be launching GadgetsTeers Summer Reading Challenge on Saturday 16 July.

This summer, children aged 4-11 can visit their local library and get involved in the Summer Reading Challenge, which has a science and innovation theme this year. Children need to read 6 books of their choice over the summer holiday, and they will collect rewards along the way, and a medal and a certificate when they've completed the challenge.

There are lots of events and activities happening over the summer holiday, children can create electric buggies and have fun making squishy circuits, attend Stories of the Stars with Hoglets Theatre, take part in an illustration session with Summer Reading Challenge 2022 illustrator Julian Beresford and so much more.

By reading books and attending an exciting range of events and activities over the summer holiday, the GadgetsTeers will help to spark children's curiosity about the world around them and encourage them to feed their imagination over the summer holiday. They will be boggled by brilliant facts, gaze at the stars, and be inspired by getting hands on with creativity and invention. With plenty of great options across all our children's books there's lots to keep children busy at Explore York Libraries and Archives this summer.

To find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge and our summer programme of events visit <https://exploreYork.org.uk/> or pop into your local library.

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Poppleton Road Primary School Summer Camp

Please see below holiday camp details:

Dates: Monday to Friday - 25th July to 19th August

Time: 9am to 3:15pm

Ages: 4 to 12

Venue: Poppleton Road Primary School

Price: £10 per day and children must bring a packed lunch

All children must bring a water bottle and suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor sports activities.

Here is an example timetable for the day. Please note, activities will change day to day depending on the weather and the available equipment:

Time	Activity
9am – 9:30am	Registration and breakfast
9:30am – 10:30	Tennis and Rounders
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12pm	Boxing and Fencing
12pm – 1pm	Lunch
1pm – 2pm	Football and Gymnastics
2pm – 3pm	Dodgeball
3pm – 3:15pm	De-registration

Our camps are designed to promote physical activity and the benefits of participating in a wide range of sports/activities, such as teamwork, communication, leadership and respect. All coaches are DBS checked and have first-aid and safeguarding qualifications, to ensure your child is kept safe.

To book your place you can follow this link: [HAF registration or go to premier-education.com](#)

Summer Holiday Activities

The [Shine Website](#) has lots of information about events and activities taking place in York over the summer holidays.

There are a number of activities that are **free** for children entitled to free school meals. Click [here](#) below to find out more.