



St. Barnabas Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our value for this month is Responsibility

Our Bible verse for this month is:

Look out for one another's interests, and not just for your own. (Philippians Ch.2 vs.4)

Well that went fast! Everyone seems to have settled in well into the new term and their new classes, and I've been really impressed with the wonderful atmosphere around school. I've already issued the first Headteacher's Award of the school year!

It has been wonderful to see our new pupils settle so well. Year 5 had a visit from 'Rainforest Dave' on Tuesday as an introduction to their topic. I wandered through just in time to have a cuddle with a snake!

Within school we have adopted a new information system. In fact, we are only the third school in the country to take part in the live pilot. As we get used to it and open more features, it will make communication between home and school quicker and easier. There are bound to be teething difficulties, so please bear with us if we are not fully up to speed over the next few weeks.

As part of the DoWMAT (Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust), we will be making some alterations to our assessment terminology so that all schools in the trust are speaking the same language. As with our previous system, all comments are in relation to what is expected of pupils at the end of their current year group, their Age Related Expectation.

The terms that we will be using are:

Working Towards	These pupils are just beginning to work at the level expected for their age group but may also be securing their knowledge and skills from previous years.
Emerging	These pupils are working within the expected level for their age group but their knowledge and skills are not secure in all areas yet.
Expected	These pupils have achieved the standard of knowledge and skills that is expected of them at their age. They apply their knowledge independently and consistently.
Exceeding	These children are working at a level greater than is expected at their age. This is demonstrated through a more in depth knowledge and understanding of their work and the ability to apply it to new situations independently and consistently.

Don't forget, you can follow us on Twitter (@StBarnabasDB) and Facebook. If you don't have Twitter don't worry, our Twitter feed appears on the facebook page.

Upcoming Dates/ Events.

(Full details will be sent out nearer the time and published on the website).

www.st-barnabasschool.org.uk

September

13th Roald Dahl Day

15th Meet the Teacher

Reception class only

Drop in: 1.40 - 3pm

20th School Photographs

29th MacMillan Coffee

Morning.

October

11th Open Day

18th Parents Evening 6-8pm

19th Parents Evening 6-8pm

23rd - 27th Mid Term Break

December

1st Christmas Fair 5-7pm

7th First School Christmas

production 6pm

8th First School Christmas

production 2.15pm

12th Middle School Christmas

Concert 2pm

13th Middle School Christmas

Concert 6pm

14th Christmas Lunch

18th Dec-2nd Jan Christmas

Holiday

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Birthday sweets

Can I remind parents not to send in sweets or cakes to share with your child's class for birthday's. We have a high number of children with allergies and need to ensure that they are safe. We have also received complaints from parents who do not ordinarily let their children eat chocolate etc. and also from those who feel under pressure to supply sweets or cakes because their child's friend did.

Gum Shields

Although we cannot stipulate it, we strongly recommend that pupils in Year 6 and 7 have a gum shield for games lessons when playing hockey and rugby.

Conker Trees

Can I ask that parents on the playground do not let their children throw things into the conker tree so that we can avoid an accident.

Class Assemblies.

In response to parent feedback we are going to run some class assemblies over the course of this term. You will get an invitation a couple of weeks before your child's class is due to do theirs.

Tour of Britain

The Tour of Britain passes through Drakes Broughton and Defford on Sunday morning as part of the final stage from Worcester to Cardiff. You can get more information at <http://www.tourofbrtain.co.uk>

G Suite for Education Training - Thursday 21st September

We are holding a series of training sessions for parents to show how we use G Suite and Google Classroom with our pupils. Each session is a "hands on" opportunity to use Google Classroom and will last for approximately an hour. Please use the link to sign up for one of the sessions.

<https://goo.gl/DDQQjw>

Friends News September 2017

Hello from the Friends!

Who are we? We raise funds for the school by running popular events. We have representatives for each year group; however, we desperately need more help. Would you consider joining the Friends Committee as a year group representative or maybe just offering to help on a stall for half an hour?

REMINDER:

- **Monday 2 October at 7.00pm Friends Annual General Meeting followed by usual Friends Meeting in the School Staffroom, why not come along for a chat?**

100 Club

Should you wish to support the school; however, you have limited time, why not join the 100 Club? You will have a chance to win some cash every month! A copy of the registration form is available on the Friends page of the school website or from the school office.

JULY 2017 WINNER: Melanie Winterflood (you will receive a cheque shortly!)

Friends Email Address

The Friends have their very own email address, should you wish to get in contact and perhaps offer to support us. Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Facebook

The Friends are also on Facebook! Don't forget to 'Like' us! Find us at www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStB.

Middle School Hall available for hire

Contact The School Office for further information: 01905 840366
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Regular lettings include:

Monday 6.15 – 7.00pm: Core Stability Class (KO Sports)

Monday 7.10 – 7.40pm: Low Impact Hiit Class (KO Sports)

Tuesday 7.30 – 9.00pm: Yoga (Lucy Murray)

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.20pm: Low Impact Hiit & Fitness revolution (KO Sport)

Thursday 6.00pm – 6.45pm: Core Stability Class (KO Sport)

Saturday 9.30 – 11.30am: Tae Kwon Do (Cobras TKD)