



St. Barnabas Newsletter

17th November 2017

Our Value for this month is Determination

Our Bible verse for this month is:

I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. (Philippians Ch.4 vs.13)

Proposed School Admissions Changes

Thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting at Pershore High School on Tuesday. I have also been able to attend meetings with the Heads of all Pershore Middle Schools, the DoWMAT Leadership and the Worcestershire Association of Middle School Headteachers, all of whom will be responding to the consultation. Most important though is your support. Please support our school by responding to the consultation emails. If you are not happy to email in your opinion, we will send out paper copies next week which we can collate and send in for you.

A point was raised at the meeting on Tuesday that if you have only experienced one system, it's hard to judge another. We will be arranging an opportunity for parents of our First Schools to visit our Middle School, to see what we offer on **Tuesday 28th November**. We are proud of what we offer children and want to share our successes. We would encourage all of our own First School parents to come along on that day too, it is your children that will be most affected by any change and loss of facilities.

Christmas Boxes

Thank you for all the donations that you have sent in, we sent 38 boxes to support the appeal.

Drop in Afternoon Friday 24th November

Next Friday is this half term's drop in afternoon. School will be open between 1.45 and 3pm for you to come in to see your child in class and look at their work. Myself and Mrs Richards will be available in the school hall if you wish to have a chat about the age range proposals of our neighbouring schools. We will also have response forms for those of you who wish to fill them in at school.

Mrs Williams

I am sorry to tell you that Mrs Williams will be leaving school at Christmas, we wish her well in the future. The Governors are currently in the process of appointing a new teacher for Year 2. We will let parents know as soon as we have.

Worcester Parkway

Earlier in the week a team from Worcester Parkway came to work with our Year 7s. Here is an extract from their email following their visit.

Thank you so much for having us. It was exhausting but very worthwhile to see the children engaging on such a level was great. The children were very well behaved, respectful and enthusiastic. This is a credit to you and Mr Booth.

We know how amazing our students are, but it's always good to be told it!! In the New Year we hope to build on this week and visit the site.

Your Life Your Choice

Worcestershire have just launched a new and improved 'Your Life Your Choice' website with information on a range of issues and topics for children, young people, families and adults. The site also has a search facility to allow residents to find local support services, products and events in their local area. Go to: <https://ylyc.worcestershire.gov.uk>

Talk to us.

We know that from time to time parents have questions about school and we are always willing to chat. If you have a concern please talk to us, often a simple explanation can alleviate a lot of worry. It also stops rumours spreading which can then worry other parents. I have had communication from several parents over the last few weeks who have heard things on the playground, or via social media which have concerned them when there was nothing to worry about. Therefore, if you hear something that concerns you, please come in and talk to us.

Upcoming Dates/ Events.

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

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November

17th Children in Need
17th Readathon Whole School
21st Year 6 Worship in Church
24th Meet the Teachers Parent Drop In 1.40 – 3pm
28th Year 7 Worship in Church

December

1st Christmas Fair 5-7pm
5th Christmas Service in Church
7th First School Christmas Performance 6pm
8th First School Christmas Performance 2.15pm
12th Middle School Christmas Concert 2pm
13th Middle School Christmas Concert 6pm
18th Dec-3rd Jan Christmas Holiday

Twitter:
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SWSSA Cross Country Results

On Friday 10th November we took teams of year 5 /6/7 to Prince Henry's High school to compete. All the children ran very well indeed. There were up to 13 schools in some of the events. We did extremely well as these results show.

Year 5 Girls 1st
Year 5 Boys 2nd
Yr 6 Boys 2nd joint)
Year 6 Girls 3rd
Year 7 Boys 4th
Year 7 Girls 5th,

Congratulations to the following children who came in the top six and who will be representing South Worcestershire in the county competition on 1st March at Wolverley Secondary School.

Eden Williamson 2nd, Milly Thomas 3rd, Will Marshall 3rd, Aaron Webster 4th, Grace Proctor 6th and Brennan Green 6th.

Netball Result

St Barnabas 8 St Egwins 3 (League) St Barnabas 6 St Egwins 3 (B Team friendly)

This means our Year 7 remain unbeaten and should now be going on to represent South Worcestershire in the Level 3 Sainsbury School Games competition (County Competition)
Superb effort from the whole squad. Congratulations!

Football Result St Egwins 3 St Barnabas 8

Sainsbury's School Games

The Sainsbury's 2017 School Games is a multi-sport event for the UK's elite young athletes of school age. The event seeks to create an inspirational and motivational setting that not only provides our elite young sports people with the opportunity to thrive and perform at the highest levels, but encourages more young people to take part and succeed in sport. The Youth Sport Trust is proud to develop and organise the Sainsbury's 2017 School Games, which is supported by National Lottery funding from Sport England. Help us try to get another gold PE award at the end of this by encouraging your child to take part in sporting opportunities offered to them.

Friends News November 2017

Hello from the Friends

I hope everyone enjoyed the disco last week - we made a profit of £251.40, thank you to everyone who came along.

Dates for your diary:

1st December Christmas Fair (5-7pm), please read the letter sent home this week with requests for donations - if these could be sent into school the week of 27th November. We also have some great raffle prizes, more tickets are available from reception.

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.

OCTOBER 2017 WINNER: Mrs R Morfill (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

What's happening at St Barnabas Church

Special services in November

Sunday 19th November 9.30am Toy and Gift Service
(No need to wrap...all gifts go to the Salvation Army for distribution to families)

Special Services in December

Sunday 17th December; No morning service, but 6pm Candle-lit Carol Service
Sunday 24th December 5pm Christmas Eve Crib Service
Monday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Morning Worship with Communion

There will be boxes in the church porch for contribution to the Shoe Box Appeal and Pershore Food Bank Christmas parcel and the church is open within school hours if you want to sit quietly.