



# ST. BARNABAS NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Admission Changes

Today you will have received an email with information from Pershore High School and Norton Juxta Kempsey, concerning a consultation about changing their age ranges. PHS wish to start taking children from Year 7 and Norton wish to extend, to take pupils in Years 5 and 6. This would obviously have a serious effect on St Barnabas in many ways, including reduced funding and staff redundancies. We know how much parents value what we offer as a Middle School and would encourage everyone to contribute to the consultation. We will send out details of how to do this next week.

Governors will be meeting in the near future and will send out information to help with your response. I will also be meeting with the Heads of the two other Middle Schools in the pyramid to coordinate a joint response.

## Christmas Boxes

Thank you for all the donations that you have sent in. The boxes are being collected next Friday, so there is still time if you have anything you wish to send in. The £2.50 donation needs to be inside the gift envelope, sealed and put inside the box. Thank you.

## Christmas Services

Our Christmas services in Church will be on **December 5<sup>th</sup>** and not December 12<sup>th</sup> as previously stated. The times below are a guide for parents who wish to join us.

### Church Christmas Services

Year's 1 and 2	9.15am
Year's 3 and 4	9.40am
Year 5	10.05am
Year 6	10.30am
Year 7	10.55am

## Movember

The male staff in school are taking part in Movember to support research into cancer. You can see our team page here <https://moteam.co/st-barnabas> If any dads, older brothers, uncles, grandads... would like to join the team, visit the page, set up an account and start on that tache.

## Sports

### League Results

Congratulations to our teams who all won their games is week

Yr 7 Football - St Barnabas 2 Abbey Park 1  
Yr 7 Netball - St Barnabas 14 Abbey Park 1  
Yr 6 Netball - St Barnabas 6 Abbey Park 1

Great Results

**Reminder to parents - Could all children please bring in spare socks for games  
Thank you.**

## Cobras Tae Kwon Do

Mark Griffiths, Senior Instructor of Cobras Tae Kwon Do, will be coming into school in November to work with Year 6. He will be providing two taster which will aim to include fitness, stretching, basic punching, kicking and self-defence.

## Upcoming Dates/ Events.

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

[www.st-barnabasschool.org.uk](http://www.st-barnabasschool.org.uk)

### November

7<sup>th</sup> Years 3 & 4 Worship in Church  
10<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Transition Day  
10<sup>th</sup> First School Disco 6-7pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Middle School Disco 7.30 – 9pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Worship in Church  
17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need  
17<sup>th</sup> Readathon Whole School  
21<sup>st</sup> Year 6 Worship in Church  
24<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teachers Parent Drop In 1.40 – 3pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Worship in Church

### December

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

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## **Friends News November 2017**

Hello from the Friends!

Coming up:

School Disco, 10th November (6pm-7pm for First school and 7.30pm-9pm for Middle school).

Christmas Fair, 1st December (5-7pm) our normal stands, food and raffle, further information will be sent out next week.

**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.

**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](http://www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStb)**.

## **What's happening at St Barnabas Church**

### **Special services in November**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am Remembrance Day Service, with Communion.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December; No morning service, but 6pm Candle-lit Carol Service

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm Christmas Eve Crib Service

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.