



# ST. BARNABAS NEWSLETTER

15th December 2017

**Our Value for this month is Thankfulness**

**Our Bible verse for this month is:**

**Always be thankful. (1 Thessalonians Ch.5 vs.16 )**



Today we said goodbye to Mrs Williams and Jane from the school office. We wish them every luck in the future.

## **New members of staff**

In January we will be joined by three new members of staff Mrs Kemp and Mrs Davies will be working in the school office, and Mr Gurney will be taking over as Year 2 teacher to cover Mrs Rees-Jones maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming them to our school community.

## **Parent Governor Elections**

We only received two nominations for the vacant Parent Governor elections and so do not need to have an election. The two parent Governors will be Rochelle Morfill and Jason Marshall, who both stood for re-election.

## **Christmas Cracker and iSingPoP**

The children were able to perform to the rest of the school today. We have recorded it and will share it with them via their Google Classroom accounts so that parents can see it. Please do not post clips on any social media, we have a number of children who are not able to appear online and by doing so, you may be inadvertently breaking a court order.

We are delighted to say that we have secured the Cathedral as a venue for our Summer Concert. We will be working with the iSingPOP team again. The date of the concert is Thursday 12th July. More details will follow nearer the time.

## **Rocksteady**

The 'Rocksteady' company spent this Thursday in school working with all the children from Reception to Year 7.

Rocksteady will be starting teaching lessons in our school from January for children who are interested in playing in a band. The company teaches bands of up to 9 children at a time (2 drummers, 3 guitars, 2 keyboards and 2 vocals). They make learning music fun and exciting by putting them into their own Rockband, they choose their own band name and choose from a selection of modern songs, they sing in the playground and old classics like 'We Will Rock You'. However, at the centre of what they do is teaching key social skills, communication skills and confidence building using music as a vehicle to do so. Their aim is to empower children and help them become more confident, make new friends and have fun at the same time!

Further information about the cost of Rocksteady lessons and how you can apply for your child to take part is attached separately.

## **Year 7 South Worcestershire Netball League winners**

Congratulations to the squad who won four games and drew one game leaving them undefeated in the league. The team will now go in to represent South Worcestershire in the Sainsbury's School Games Level 3 competition. The team will compete against other areas within the county e.g. Worcester City and Droitwich, Wyre Forest, North Worcestershire etc. Fabulous achievement girls. You deserve the shiny medals! Look out for a photograph in the paper soon.

## **Privacy Notice**

Our updated Privacy Notice can be found on the Key Information page of the school website.

**On behalf of all pupils, staff and Governors, we would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.**

## **Upcoming Dates/ Events.**

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

**www.st-barnabasschool.org.uk**

### **December**

18<sup>th</sup> Dec-2nd January  
Christmas Holiday

### **January 2018**

3<sup>rd</sup> January Spring Term Starts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yr 6 Theatre Trip 101 Dalmatian's  
5<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 & Yr 3 Swan Theatre Trip Sleeping Beauty  
8<sup>th</sup> Young Voices Concert  
18<sup>th</sup> Hartlebury Castle Trip

### **February 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Drop In  
1.40 – 3pm  
19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Half Term Holiday

### **March 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 Residential  
20<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
21<sup>st</sup> Parents Evening  
23<sup>rd</sup> Transition Day  
29<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### **April**

30<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Holiday  
16<sup>th</sup> Summer Term Starts

### **May**

**7<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday**  
14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SAT's  
28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> June Mid Term Break



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## Value Assemblies 2018

Date	First school 9am	Middle school 11am
Th 4th Jan	N/A	N/A
Th 11th Jan	Y4	6LR
Th 18th Jan	Y3	6OP
Th 25th Jan	Y2	6RG
Th 1st Feb	N/A	7SB
Th 8th Feb	N/A	7LP
Th 15th Feb	Y1	N/A
Th 1st March	N/A	5AH
Th 8th March	YR	5BL
Th 15th March	N/A	6LR
Th 22nd March	N/A	6OP
Th 29th March	Last day of term	Last day of term

## Friends News December 2017

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair and we hope you enjoyed it. We have managed to raise with all your support £1,500, this will be going towards our main focus for this year – supporting the school in buying a mini bus.

### **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, if you are interested then email the Friends Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

November's winner is – Mrs A Radford  
Congratulations, a cheque will be in the post.

### **2018:**

We have lots planned for 2018 including the ever popular Chocolate Bingo, Disco's, Cake sales and the Summer Fair. We will be sharing dates in the New Year.

If you are interested in supporting the Friends in 2018 (especially Year 6 parents) then please let us know.

### **Facebook:**

Find us at [www.facebook.com/FriendsofStB](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofStB) and 'Like'

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



The Friends

## What's happening at St Barnabas Church

### **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.