



ST. BARNABAS NEWSLETTER

19th January 2018

Our Value for this month is Perseverance

Our Bible verse for this month is:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians Ch.4 vs.14)

Gold School Games Award

On Monday we were joined by Lisa Houghton from the South Worcestershire Sports Partnership. She came to present us with our Gold Sports Award for the second consecutive year which represents our commitment to getting children actively involved in sports and physical activity. We are particularly proud as once again we are the only Middle School in South Worcestershire to achieve the Gold level award.

Parent Evenings change of date.

Due to DoWMAT commitments we have had to move the dates of our Spring Parent Evenings. They will now be on **13th and 14th** March. Letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 4 Condover Residential Trip Meeting

There will be a short meeting after school on 15th February for parents of Year 4 children who are going on the Residential trip in March.

Year 7 French Trip meeting. 6pm Wednesday 18th April

There will be a meeting for parents of students going on this year's French Trip on the 18th April. The meeting will cover travel arrangements, the initial itinerary and what to bring.

Retirement

At the end of the school year, Mrs Griffiths, out Year 1 teacher, will be retiring. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her all the best in retirement. Governors will be advertising for a new member of staff later this term to make an appointment ready for the new school year.

Pershore High School Admissions Consultation

You will have received an email about the PHS consultation to alter their admissions policy from 2021 to allow them to take Year 7 pupils. This is something that they have to do before they can apply to the Regional Schools Commissioner to alter their age range. Changing their admissions policy is a first step in changing their age range which they consulted on before Christmas. The consultation ends next Thursday and it is important that as many of our school community as possible respond to it.

You can find details at <http://www.pershore.worcs.sch.uk/contact/2021-pan-consultation/>

Email your response to admissionsconsultation@pershore.worcs.sch.uk

Age change consultation.

Following the consultation before Christmas we have not heard of any decision being made by the Avonreach MAT. On the last day of term, Worcestershire Local authority, shared their response with us. I have had permission to share these with yourselves and have emailed them out to you. There will also be a copy on the school website.

Fund Raising

Clara Salt (5BL) has organised a sponsored walk and swim to raise money for St Richards Hospice. She is walking the length of the Malvern's on Saturday 3rd March and she is going to swim 50 lengths of the local swimming pool a couple of weeks later. We have set up a Just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clara-salt> for anyone who may like to donate and she is also holding a cake sale (with help from some of her friends) this Sunday (21st) at Pershore Leisure Centre from 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Dates/ Events.

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

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January 2018

23rd Year 5 Worship in Church
26th Friends Cake Sale
30th Year 6 Worship in Church

February 2018

2nd Parent Drop In
1.40 – 3pm
5th – 9th Mental Health Week
6th Year 7 Worship in Church
13th Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Worship in Church
15th Condover Parent Meeting
19th – 23rd Half Term Holiday
27th Year 3 & Year 4 Worship in Church

March 2018

1st World Book Day
6th Year 5 Worship in Church
7-9th Year 4 Residential
13th Year 7 Worship in Church
13th Parents Evening
14th Parents Evening
20th Year 6 Worship in Church
23rd Transition Day – Y4
27th Easter Services in Church
29th Last day of term

April

30th March – 13th April
Easter Holiday
16th Summer Term Starts

May

7th Bank Holiday
14th – 17th Year 6 SAT's
28th – 1st June Mid Term Break
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From the Friends:

Friends News – January 2018

Dates for your diary:

26 th January	Cake sale (First school)
9 th February	Disco (First school 6.00pm to 7.00pm, Middle School 7.30pm to 9pm)
23 rd March	Chocolate bingo
27 th April	Cake sale (Middle school)
6 th July	Summer Fair

100 Club:

Interested in supporting the Friends but limited time? Join the 100 club – a cash prize every month.

Email Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

December's winner – M Briers (No 17) – cheque is in the post.

Facebook:

The Friends are also on Facebook! Don't forget to 'Like' us and get an up to date list of events. Find us at www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStB

What's happening at St Barnabas Church

January

Sunday 21st 9.30am Christingle Service

February

Sunday 4th 9.30pm Worship for all

Sunday 11th 9.30pm Worship for all with Holy Communion

Sunday 18th 9.30pm Worship for all

Sunday 25th 9.30pm Worship for all with Holy Communion

Sunday school happens on the second and fourth Sundays, starting at 9.30am in the Village Hall, and joining in with the Church for the blessing and Communion.

All children (and parents) welcome!

NETBALL

FireFox are back with more Netball on Saturday 11am till 1pm on 27 January 2018 at TDMS, Evesham. Meet on outdoor courts at front of school. Cost per player will be £3.50. New participants welcome to join at any time. There are no formal kit requirements: Players may wear any t-shirt and skirt, skort or shorts with warm over layers. Players will need to bring a water bottle, remove jewellery and trim nails short and smooth.

Future dates at TDMS: Saturday 11am till 1pm on 10 February, 10 March 2018.

School Games

The 2018 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 2018 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 academic year by encouraging your child to take part in sporting opportunities offered to them.

Drakes Broughton Open Space Review

Saturday 27th January 2018 at 1pm – Meeting at the Village Hall

You may or may not be aware that the public open space facilities in Drakes Broughton are going to be upgraded. We are currently working with some consultants to see how this can best be achieved.

As a result we are holding a "Walk & Talk" event in the village on Saturday 27th January 2018. We will meet in the village hall at 1pm and split up into small groups. These groups will then walk around the village taking in the open spaces and people will be invited to comment on what they would like to see at each location. These views will then be fed back to the consultants who will be producing a masterplan which we will lead to a public consultation exercise.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the community to express their opinions and we need a cross section of people to attend from children to those of advancing years! The open spaces belong to everyone and need to be designed accordingly.