



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)

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is children's mental health week. We will be doing a number of activities with children to complement our teaching on mindfulness. If you would like to get involved yourselves, Place2Be have created some helpful advice and resources for parents and carers which is available on their website:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

Parents may not be aware that, as part of our provision in school, we have a Wellbeing Team who are able to support children with emotional difficulties. There is information about this on the website. If you feel your child would benefit from support please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

World Book Day, 1st March 2018

As part of World Book Day, we will be inviting those children that wish to, to dress as a favourite character from a book. It's not compulsory and there are many famous book characters that are schoolchildren.

There will also be a competition run by our librarians, more details to follow nearer the time.

Protect Your Brain

It's wonderful to see so many children choosing to scoot or cycle to school. It is a concern though, that some are forgetting to put on their helmets. Please remind them before they set off so that they get to school safely.

Naming Belongings

Can you please check that all your child's clothes and belongings are named. We have a large collection of clothes and lunch boxes that we cannot return to their owners.

School Driveway

Please do not use the school driveway to drop off and pick up children. Over the last couple of weeks we have had a growing number of incidents where staff have had to intervene to stop cars turning when children are being escorted to the bus. Even if you are late, please park at the Village Hall and walk across. Thank you for your cooperation.

2018/2019 Term Dates

The 2018/2019 Term Dates were published earlier this week. We would like to remind you that, in line with the Local Authority and Government Policy, leave is restricted to the 13 weeks school holidays except in exceptional circumstances.

Upcoming Dates/ Events.

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

www.st-barnabaschool.org.uk

February 2018

5th – 9th Mental Health Week
6th Year 7 Worship in Church
13th Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Worship in Church
15th Condoover 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 7 London Trip
20th Year 6 Worship in Church
23rd Transition Day – Y4
27th Easter Services in Church
29th Last day of term

April 2018

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

May 2018

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

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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.

From the Friends:

Friends News – February 2018

Thank you for all the cakes and support at the cake sale last week – we raised a grand total of **£139.17**.

Dates for your diary:

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)
15 th June	Disco
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

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

February

Sunday 4 th	9.30pm Worship for all
Sunday 11 th	9.30pm Worship for all with Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th	9.30pm Worship for all
Sunday 25 th	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!

LENT at St Barnabas Church

Lent is the time of the Christian year when we might want to have a bit of a spiritual health-check, and maybe to up-date and refresh our Christian life. If this sounds like something you would like to do, then the Lent Course is possibly the way to go!

On all the Wednesdays of Lent, February 14 to March 21, our new Vicar, Revd Emma, will be leading us through an informal and lively exploration of The Lord's Prayer. A warm welcome, and refreshment, awaits you, and feel free come to any or all of the meetings, 7.30-9.00, in the Church.

The first meeting, on Ash Wednesday, you will notice, is also St Valentine's Day, but if you are not otherwise romantically occupied, you could come to the Ashing Service, at 7pm, in which Christians take the sign of the Cross in ash on their foreheads as a sign of spiritual cleansing and re-dedication to God, who is love.