



St Barnabas CE First and Middle School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New (School) Year

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. It promises to be exciting and as busy as ever. It was wonderful to see our children arriving at school looking forward to getting to know their new teacher and meet their friends. It's also been great to welcome all of our new pupils today. They seem to be quickly finding their feet and we all look forward to getting to know them and their families as the term progresses.

We also welcome Mrs Barney, classteacher in Year 2 and Neil Grimshaw, Family Support worker. Some of you may know Neil as he used to work for the Local Authority. He will be spending his time between St Barnabas and Abbey Park.

School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear, shoes should be black or navy for school. All belongings and clothing should be named, it's always hard to return lost things if they are not named and last year we ended up with over £1000 worth of clothes that we couldn't return.

Communication

If you have a query about your child, the first point of contact is your child's class teacher who you can contact via the school office. If you email out of school hours please don't expect a response until the next day. If the message is urgent please contact the school office and member of staff can call you back when they are not teaching. Teachers are unable to meet at the start of the day once lessons have started.

Parent Drop In - Meet Your Teacher Year 1 – Year 7 only

On Friday 7th September, there is an opportunity to pop in and meet your child's teacher. Parents are welcome to come into school between 1.40 and 3pm to say hello and put a face to a name. **This does not include Reception as they are only on half days.**

Parent App

This term we will be introducing a Parent App which will form part of our communication with you. It will allow parents to update contact details, give permission for trips, receive messages from school and to see information such as your child's attendance.

We will roll it out in groups to manage the workload in the office. Over the next few weeks you will receive a letter with instruction on how to download the app and register. In order to do this it is essential that our records are up to date so, if any of your contact details have changed over the summer, can you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Rainforest Roadshow

A reminder that Year 5 will be visited by 'Rainforest Dave' tomorrow, Wednesday 5th September as part of their English theme. Parents are welcome to join the first hour of activities from 9 – 10am. Please come via the school office and sign in.

ClubsComplete - Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

Please ensure that you have registered and booked your child into the clubs before they attend. If you have any queries please contact Clubs Complete.

www.clubscomplete.co.uk Email: admin@clubscomplete.co.uk Tel: 01530 412350





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Roald Dahl Day

Next Thursday, 13th September we will be marking Roald Dahl Day with activities in lessons. We will not be dressing up as we usually save this for World Book Day in the Spring Term.

Childhood Cancer Fundraiser - Non Uniform Day

On Friday 14th September, we are holding a non-uniform day in aid of Research into Childhood Cancer. We have chosen to support this cause as, unfortunately, we have had a number of families who have been affected by childhood cancer. Children are able to wear their own clothes in return for making a donation to the charity.

In relation to this, please may we ask for cooperation in a very delicate and important matter. One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer. This puts the pupil in question at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox and shingles. The best way to protect against measles is for all pupils to be immunised against them. You can discuss immunisation with your GP if your child has not been vaccinated. If you suspect your child has measles you should let us know immediately and take your child / seek advice from your GP.

Children in this vulnerable situation are also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within 3 days of contact therefore please let us know immediately if you suspect your child has chicken pox. It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.

If your child has any other infection / virus / flu, it may be wise to let us know and can we remind you that if your child has suffered from any sickness and/or diarrhoea, they are to remain at home for the next 48 hours.

Reading Diaries

As your child starts bringing home their reading book, please take time to read with them and record it in their reading diary. Reading is such an important skill to develop and the role you play at home is really important in helping your child make good progress. The impact of reading regularly at home for 10 - 15 minutes a day can be amazing. We encourage all children to read at home, even Year 7 (no matter what they tell you!).

Upcoming Events for Parents:

18th September - Accelerated Reader Information Sessions, 2pm and 6pm. If you are new to Accelerated Reader, these sessions are a good introduction to the scheme and how it works. We run Accelerated Reader from Year 3 to 7 and, since its introduction, have seen a very positive impact on reading.

25th September - Google Classroom for Parents. We use Google Classroom with pupils as a place to work, collaborate and set homework etc. There will be sessions at 9am, 11am, 2pm and 6pm aimed to give parents an understanding of how the system works. This is aimed primarily at new Year 5 parents, but parents who want a refresher are more than welcome to come to one of the sessions.

28th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning. This is one of our favourite events and is organised by our students in Year 7. Come along and bring friends and family to support Macmillan Charity.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Kilgallon
Headteacher

