



ST. BARNABAS NEWSLETTER

Our Value for this month Love

Our Bible verse for this month is:

'Let all you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians Chapter 16

25th January 2018

Start of the School Day and Attendance

Recent educational research has shown a definite link between punctuality & attendance and pupil attainment & progress. Pupils who are consistently late or who have lower rates of attendance record lower than average attainment and lower than average progress.

We would like to work with all our families to ensure that all pupils are attending school at the highest levels and are punctual. To ensure that our school day starts on a positive note at 08:55 your child needs to be entering school at 08:45.

Our daily routine for First School children is that staff will signal the start of the day at 08:45 by blowing a whistle. Children are expected to walk to their teachers and teaching assistants who will escort them into school to help them get ready for the start of the day. The school gates will be locked at 08:55 and children who are late will have to enter school via our main adult entrance adjacent to the school office.

In Middle School we are now operating a "soft" start to the school day, this means that Middle School pupils enter the school building as they arrive at school to prepare themselves for the start of the school day. Middle School teaching assistants and teachers are in classrooms from 08:45 each day. As the children enter the classroom there are a variety of activities for them to start. Middle School registers are taken at 08:55.

All children who are not in school by 09:00 will be classified as late.

We want to work with all of our families to ensure that we have a productive and purposeful start to the school day so that each child who attends our school has the maximum opportunities to achieve their potential. We welcome your support.

Pupil Wellbeing & Uniform

Unfortunately, during the last few days, we have received notifications from several families that their children have infestations of head-lice in their hair. As such we would like to ask all parents and carers to check their children's hair on a regular basis for head-lice. We would like to ask that all children who have long hair have their hair tied back so that the transmission of head-lice from one pupil to another is restricted. Pupils who do not have their hair tied back will be provided with hair bobbles so that long hair can be tied back.

Advice from the school nurse is that if head-lice are found then the whole family needs to carry out the recommended course of treatment.

Middle School staff have noticed that we seem to have increased numbers of pupils who are wearing nail varnish and false nails to school. We would like to remind parents and carers that the wearing of nail varnish and false nails is not appropriate in a school setting. As such we would like to ask for the cooperation of parents/carers in ensuring that pupils do not wear such items in school.

Bovis Homes - Pear Tree Walk

At the end of last term each class entered a competition to name the new Bovis homes development in Drakes Broughton. We are pleased to announce that 5AH's entry of "Pear Tree Walk" has been chosen. Yesterday the site was officially named Pear Tree Walk and 5AH will be appearing in the local press looking very pleased in high visibility vests and hard hats!

Tesco School Uniform Embroidery Service

We've been informed that the Tesco School Uniform Embroidery service will close on 12th February 2019. We are pleased to share that the uniform provider to Tesco's has set up an alternative service called [My Clothing](#). They offer exactly the same uniform at great value as well as supporting the school through its donation scheme.

New Parent Online Payment System: SIMS Agora

Thank you for your patience whilst we've introduced the new Parent App. Due to the success of this we are ready to introduce the new online payment system SIMS Agora. This system will provide parents with greater convenience for school trips, swimming, even charity event donations and in the future school lunches. You should all have received an electronic invite via email and a paper copy of the registration instructions.

Signing children in and out of school

To make things more secure and in line with the recent GDPR we will now be using the iPad in the entrance to sign the children in and out of the school. This needs to be done by an adult. Please do not let your child come into school when they are late on their own. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please follow us on Twitter: @StBarnabasDB and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Barnabas-CE-First-Middle-School-1784179715240816/> to see our latest achievements.

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

<http://st-barnabas.dowmat.education/>

JANUARY 2019

25th Young Voices Concert
28th National Storytelling Week

FEBRUARY 2019

1st Year 2 (9am) 7BL (11am)
Class Led Assembly
1st February - School disco,
6-7pm First School
7.30-9pm Middle School
5th Safer Internet Day
7th Harry Potter Book Night
8th Parent Drop In 1.40-3pm
18th-22nd HALF TERM BREAK

MARCH 2019

7th World Book Day
15th Cake Sale Middle School
18th-24th Shakespeare Week
29th Mother's Day Secret Room

APRIL 2019

2nd International Book day
3rd Parents Evening 5.30 - 8
4th Parents Evening 4 - 6.30
5th Year 1 (9am) 5AH (11am)
Class Led Assembly
5th Year 4 Transition Day
5th Chocolate Bingo
9th Sound of St Barnabas
10th-12th Year 4 Condoover
12th Term Ends
15th-26th EASTER HOLIDAYS

29th School Closed - TED DAY MAY 2019

10th Year 3 (9am) 5LG (11am)
Class Led Assembly
13th Year 6 SAT's all week
24th Elmer Day
27th-31st HALF TERM BREAK

JUNE 2019

3rd-7th Year 7
French Trip/Activity Week
7th KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Spelling Bee
11th St Barnabas Day
14th Father's Day Secret Room
14th School Discos
21st Recep (9am) 7LP (11am)
Class Led Assembly
24th, 25th, 26th
PHS Parents Evenings
24th - Magellan House
25th - Kingsley House
26th - Armstrong House
28th Pyramid Transition Day

JULY 2019

1st Pyramid Transition Day
2nd Beauty and the Beast
3rd Beauty and the Beast
4th Beauty and the Beast
8th Reports sent out
9th Field Events (Middle School)
10th Sports Day (Whole School)
Followed by Family Picnic
12th School Games Day
12th Summer Fayre
16th Reserve Sports Day
18th Leavers Assembly
18th Term Ends
19th & 22nd SCHOOL CLOSED
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Permanent & Relief Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies; Permanent Lunchtime Supervisor, Monday through to Friday during term time and Relief Lunchtime Supervisor to cover if the permanent staff are absent. If you are interested or know anyone else who might be interested, please contact the school office for further information and an application pack on 01905 840366 or office@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Sports Events

We took a team to the [South Worcestershire Swimming Gala](#) last Thursday in Evesham. We had a number of high scoring placings in heats, but are awaiting our overall placing. Year 5 and 6 children represented us well.

The [South Worcestershire Cross Country](#) event took place Tuesday 15th January at Prince Henry's High School. It was a perfect day for a run. All our teams finished and all children enjoyed competing at such a picturesque venue. Nine teams competed in most events.

Results:

Year 5 Girls 2nd Year 6 Girls 2nd Year 7 Girls 5th

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Congratulations in particular go to Arran Webster who won his event and Milly Thomas who came 3rd in her event. Both pupils will be invited to the county competition which will be held at Wolverley High School on 28th February.

Friends News - January 2019

Thank you to all those who supported the cake sale last week, we will get a total to you shortly.

Do you use the Co-Op?

You can now earn rewards for St Barnabas through the Co-Op's Community Fund. We will be raising money for the First School Hall - to replace the floor, decorate and if funds allow install new audio visual equipment. Find out more and register here <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/27774>

Every time you spend and use your loyalty card you can earn rewards for the school.

Dates for your diary:

1st February - School disco, 6-7pm First School, 7.30-9pm Middle School - please return your forms by Monday.

15th March - Cake sale

20th March - Mother's Day secret room

5th April - Chocolate Bingo

Dates for events throughout the year are now on our Facebook page @FriendsofStB - please like and share.

100 Club:

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

Email friends@stbarnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk or pick up a flier from the office.

The Friends friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Neil Grimshaw invites Pre School and Reception Parents / Carers to:

Understanding and Managing Behaviour part one

This workshop uses some theory and models to focus on child behaviour and gives us the chance to focus on ways to unpick behaviours experienced at home.

(what we pay attention to is what we can get more of...)

Date: 6th February 2019

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Where: St Barnabas CE First & Middle School

The workshop will only go ahead if we have a minimum of 3 sign up and this is limited to a maximum of 12 places available. If you would like a place, please email on Neil on nlg85@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk or call the School Office on 01905 840366.

Due to lack of numbers the workshop on Monday 28th January has been cancelled

A message about the car park from the Village Hall Committee

The Car Park:

Did you know that the car park is really a two in one! The first part closest to the church and the hall belongs to the village hall for the use of the hall hirers. The demarcation line is two telegraph poles opposite each other half way down the car park there is a thin white thin line on the floor. The rest of the car park is the public car park for the use of any member of the public at any time.

So if you are going to park for any length of time please use the public car park as I have already mentioned the hall is getting busier and will be needed by the hirers (that's in an earlier part of the article). Parking for drop off for school first thing in the morning is not a problem but in February the hall has been hired from 9am on some mornings. Thank you

ST BARNABAS CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES – FEBRUARY 2019

3rd February 9.30am Worship for all

10th February 9.30am Worship for all with Communion*

17th February 9.30am Worship for all

24th February 9.30am Worship for all with 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!