



ST. BARNABAS NEWSLETTER

Our Value for this month is Respect

7th September 2018

Our Bible verse for this month is:

Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Matthew Ch. 7 vs.12)

So here we are at the end of the first week already! It's been really busy week with lots going on and everyone getting used to new classrooms and routines. We have been so impressed with the attitude of the children returning to school. Every class I have visited has been hard at work, eager to learn and wonderfully behaved.

How are we doing?

Now that provisional data has been provided by the DFE we are able to share some initial results for the school at the end of KS2.

The percentage of children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths compared to national and local averages is:

	2018	As you can see, our children achieved just over the national average and are also above the Worcestershire average. We are also above the average for Middle Schools nationally and in the upper quartile (top 25%) for Worcestershire Middle Schools.
School	65	
Worcestershire	61	
National	64	

This is a real credit to pupils and the hard work they have put in across the last 4 years. I say 4 years because all of the work in KS2 counts towards the SATs, it's not just a Year 6 thing. That's why it's so important that our children do well in all year groups and get into good habits for reading at home, doing homework etc.

SATs Meeting 2nd October 6pm

This meeting, aimed at Year 6 parents, is a chance to look at the format and requirement of the SATs that your children will be sitting in the summer term. There will be information to help you support your child over the year in order to give them the best possible chance

Family Support Worker

My name is Neil Grimshaw and I am the Family Support Worker at St Barnabas First and Middle School.

I have recently left the Early Intervention Family Support Team and I am pleased to announce that I now work directly for St Barnabas.

I can offer support to parents, families and children in a variety of forms which can cover a range of issues.

I will also be supporting the school with regards to attendance.

More information of my role will be released shortly as well as news on forthcoming parenting programmes and workshops.

Mondays and Thursdays are the days that I will be in school and I can be contacted on 01905 840366 or nlg85@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Don't forget, you can follow us on Twitter (@StBarnabasDB) and Facebook. If you don't have Twitter don't worry, our Twitter feed appears on the Facebook

Upcoming Dates/ Events.

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

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

September 2018

- 10th Year 6 WOW Day
- 11th Year 7 Worship in Church
- 13th Roald Dahl Day – not dressing up
- 14th Non-uniform day in aid of Childhood Cancer
- 18th Accelerated Reader parents information session 2pm & 6pm Years 3-7)
- 19th Year 6 Worship in Church
- 21st School Photographer
- 25th Year 5 Worship in Church
- 25th Google Classroom for Parents sessions
- 28th Macmillan Coffee Morning for Friends & Family

October 2018

- 2nd Year 4 Worship in Church
- 2nd Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 6pm
- 4th National Poetry Day
- 9th Year 3 Worship in Church
- 10th Open Evening for Prospective Parents
- 16th Recep/Yearr1/Year2 Worship in Church
- 22nd STEM week
- 23rd Harvest Festival
- 23rd Parents Evening 5.30pm - 8pm
- 24th Parents Evening 4pm - 6.30pm
- 29th – 2nd Half Term Break

November 2018

- Non-fiction November
- 6th Year 7 ColWorship
- 12th–16th Anti-bullying week
- 13th Year 6 Worship in Church
- 20th Year 5 Worship in Church
- 27th Year 4 Worship in Church
- 30th Christmas Fair 5-7pm

December 2018

- 4th Year 3 Worship in Church
- 11th Recep/Year 1/Year 2 Worship in Church
- 12th Reception & KS1 Christmas Production 6pm
- 13th Reception & KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
- 18th Year 3 - 7 Christmas Concert 6pm
- 19th Year 3 - 7 Christmas Concert 2pm & 6pm
- 20th Christmas Lunch
- 21st Term Ends

January 2018

- 7th SCHOOL CLOSED TED DAY
- 8th Spring Term Starts

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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 our new Year 5 parents, but parents who want a refresher are more than welcome to come to one of the sessions. Please use this link <https://goo.gl/jpZP7f> to book your session on our online booking form.

Admission for 2019/2020

School applications for academic year 2019/2020 have opened on the Worcestershire County Council website.

First School Application: If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015; you need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2019. Pre School will be sending information booklets early next week.

Middle School Application: Pupils in our current Year 4 at St Barnabas don't need to reapply, you are automatically allocated a space at St Barnabas CE First and Middle School. If you know of any child who are interested in joining us in Year 5 in September 2019; we will be holding an open Evening for prospective parents on Wednesday 10th October. The application closing date is 15th January 2019.

High School Application: Pupils in our current Year 7 will need to apply for a place at High School, the deadline for this is 31st October 2018. The Information pack where sent home with the children yesterday.

Online Payments

This year we will be using a new system for online payments. Details will be sent out shortly however until it goes live, cash and cheque payments are still being accepted. As of today we are no longer using Joinos, the online payment portal however if you have made a payment over the holidays or since our return to school, we will have received it.

Friends News - September 2018

The start of a new year! For those of you new to the school, we are a group of parent volunteers who run a number of events throughout the year to raise funds for the school - last year we supported in the purchase of the school mini bus as well as school trips and play equipment. Each year has a representative(s) and we are always grateful of any support for the events we run. If you are interested in joining the committee and / or helping out with events then contact us on friends@stbarnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk or attend our upcoming AGM on Monday 17th September.

Dates for your diary:

17th September	AGM 19:00 – 20:00 at school
12th October	80's Disco, adults only - more details will be coming home shortly
30th November	Christmas Fair

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

July's winner - Mrs S Speers

August's winner - Mr B Hillier

Cheques will be in the post soon.

Looking forward to another fun and activity year!

The Friends

New to exercise? Then we have a class for everybody!

Our timetable can be found at www.kosport.co.uk

KO Sport are launching two new classes:

A Beginners Core Class, starting 1st October 2018:

Monday's at St Barnabas School Hall, Drakes Broughton 7.40pm to 8.25pm

Cost £5 per session for non-members and free to members

Why is my core important?

It helps to prevent injuries in activities from picking up babies, DIY to shopping! In essence, core stability means 'stability of the spine'. Your core muscles are those in your stomach back, legs and 'core strength' is the ability to support your spine and keep your body stable and balanced.

KO Sport Lower Back Pain Clinic, starting 3rd October 2018:

Wednesday's at St Barnabas School Hall, Drakes Broughton 7.30pm to 8.15pm

Cost £47 for 8 weeks for members and £72 per 8 weeks for non-members.

On average each person took 15.9 days off work as a result of back pain [HSE, 2016]. If this is you, then please be in touch to see if we can help.

It really does work, so please be in touch. Or, visit our website at www.kosport.co.uk