



# St. Barnabas Newsletter

Our Value for this month Generosity

Our Bible verse for this month is:

'Give and it will be given to you' Luke 6 vs 38

23rd November 2018

## Friends Christmas Plan Competition

The Friends have invited our pupils to decorate the front cover of their plan of next week's Christmas Fayre. Deadline for submitting sketches and designs is Monday 26th November.

## Reading Planet Information Meeting - Reception to Year 2

We are holding two information meetings for parents and carers of children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Wednesday 28th November at 3.30 pm and 6.00 pm. Please join us if you can so that you can see how our new reading scheme works.

## Assessment Week

Next week is our whole school assessment week. Children will be sitting formal Reading & Maths assessments. The results will be discussed with the children over the next few weeks.

## Avonreach Age Change Proposals

The Regional Schools Commissioner met with her Headteacher Board yesterday and again did not make a decision about the applications by Norton First, Pershore High and the Avonreach MAT to change their age ranges. This is the third time the board have met and not reached a decision. There is a further meeting in December which our CEO has been invited to.

We are hopeful that the decision will be in our favour but, whatever the outcome, we will continue to provide a Middle School education for children within our catchment area and beyond as we do now.

## Middle School Peer Review

Yesterday we were joined by Heads and senior leaders from two other Middle Schools as part of the Worcestershire Middle School Peer Review programme. The programme, now in its third year, is externally moderated and has coincided with a period where Middle School results have improved year on year and faster than in Primary Schools. The visitors were extremely impressed by our pupils, their manners, confidence and attitudes to learning.

## Mobile Classrooms

It was very exciting this week to see plans for a proposed replacement for the mobile classroom at the front of school. The DoWMAT is bidding for funds from the DFE to replace it next summer. The block will consist of two classrooms and toilets and will replace the current mobile which is well past its use-by date.

## Attendance

As a school we are expected to analyse and publish statistics pertaining to the attendance of our pupils. Our latest analysis shows that we have an increasing trend in pupils having absences to attend appointments during school time that perhaps could be arranged for later in the day. Our analysis also shows that we have an increasing number of pupils who are arriving after the registers close each morning. This then constitutes a "late mark" that equates to a half day absence. All Worcestershire schools have been given a weekly target of 95% attendance and sadly we fall below this level. We are hoping that we can work together to meet this target.

We have been having an increasing amount of children coming into school late and being dropped off to come in on their own. Please can we remind you that all children need to be signed in and out of school by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation

## Bovis Homes Competition

The area manager from Bovis Homes visited this week to talk about how they can work with the school over the next couple of years. On Monday we will be launching a competition to name the new development across the road from Jigsaw carpets.

## Upcoming Dates/ Events.

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

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

### November 2018

27<sup>th</sup> Year 3&4 Worship in Church

30<sup>th</sup> Non Uniform Day

30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair 5-7pm

### December 2018

4<sup>th</sup> Recept/Year 1/Year 2

Worship in Church

7<sup>th</sup> Year 4 (9am) 6OP (11am)

Class Led Assembly

10<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Transition Day

12<sup>th</sup> Reception & KS1

Christmas Production 6pm

13<sup>th</sup> Reception & KS1

Christmas Production 2pm

18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert Yr 3-7

5pm - 6pm & 6.30-7.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Reception, Y1 & Y2

Panto Trip

19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert Yr 3-7

2pm - 3pm

20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

20<sup>th</sup> Rock Steady Concert

21<sup>st</sup> Term Ends

### January 2018

7<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL CLOSED TED DAY

8<sup>th</sup> Spring Term Starts

9<sup>th</sup> Trip Wizard of Oz Yr 6

10<sup>th</sup> Hearing Tests Reception

18<sup>th</sup> Cake Sale

First School to provide cakes

25<sup>th</sup> Young Voices Concert

28<sup>th</sup> National Storytelling Week

### February 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Year 2 (9am)

1<sup>st</sup> 7BL (11am)

Class Led Assembly

1<sup>st</sup> \*\* School Disco\*\*

6-7pm First School

7.30-9pm Middle School

5<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

7<sup>th</sup> Harry Potter Book Night

8<sup>th</sup> Eye Tests Reception

8<sup>th</sup> Parent Drop In 1.40-3pm

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> HALF TERM BREAK

### March 2018

7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Shakespeare Week

### APRIL 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> International Book day

3<sup>rd</sup> Parents Evening 5.30 - 8

4<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 4 - 6.30

5<sup>th</sup> Year 1 (9am) 5AH (11am)

Class Led Assembly

5<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Transition Day

9<sup>th</sup> Sound of St Barnabas

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Condoover

12<sup>th</sup> Term Ends

15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> EASTER HOLIDAYS

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### **Christmas Post**

The school Christmas post boxes will be appearing on Monday 3rd December. Children can use these to send Christmas cards to their friends and Year 7 will provide the postal service. Cards must have the name and class of the recipient on them to guarantee them reaching the right pupil. Please don't send in cards before the 3rd. Thank you.

### **Dogs**

Could dog owners please be mindful that we have some children who are scared of dogs and allow enough space at the school gate for them to get out. Thank you for your help and understanding in this.

### **Rocksteady Music Concert**

Rocksteady Music School provide rock and pop band lessons, giving your child a chance to learn guitar, drum, keyboard or vocals. They have been busy spending this term working with a mixture of children from Year 1 to Year 7 and we have the great pleasure of inviting these children's parents and relatives into school to see them performance. The concert will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm and we hope to see as many of you as possible. If you are interested in your child joining a band please see the school office for a leaflet.

### **Pershore High Kitchens Menu**

We want to draw your attention to an error spotted on the new 'Allergens Menu' sent out last week from Pershore High School Kitchens. Pear Sponge on the Thursday's in Week 2 includes Eggs (E). The revised menu attached.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Winter Kit**

Please can all children Year 1 - 7 be equipped for lessons outside now it is getting colder. A spare top and bottoms is required and a hat if it is particularly cold. Children in Year 5 - 7 should have shin pads, long socks and studs. A mouth guard is recommended for hockey in Year 6 and 7.

Please keep all nails trimmed to the end of the finger tips and hair tied back if it is long.

This all helps to keep sport fun and minimize injury.

### **Result - Year 7 Leagues**

St Barnabas 2 St Egwins 22 (Netball)

St Barnabas 5 The De Montfort School 1

### **Football Tournament at Bowbrook**

Year 5 were the defending champions and were hoping to bring back the Year 6 trophy.

It was a fun but cold afternoon and the teams played really good football. Final placings:

Year 6 3rd

Year 5 4<sup>th</sup>

Well done to all those who took part and represented the school so well.

## **Friends News - November 2018**

Thank you for all the orders for the tea towels and coasters, any last minute orders please get in ASAP as we will be sending off the beginning of next week in time for Christmas delivery.

The **Christmas Fair** is nearly here - 30th November. Next week is donations week, all donations greatly received. We have lots of great raffle prizes so make sure you buy your tickets and lots of fun at the fair including stalls (jewellery, jumping clay and Usbourne books), hot dogs, mulled wine and cider, colouring competition and tombola's and games. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**30th November - Christmas Fair** - 5pm - 7pm

**18th January - Cake Sale**, First School to provide cakes

**1st February - School Disco**, 6-7pm First School, 7.30-9pm Middle School

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](mailto:friends@stbarnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk)

There will be the opportunity to sign up for the 100 Club at the Christmas Fair - the board will be next to the raffle tickets.

The Friends

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## St Barnabas Church

### Carol Singing at the Pub

We hope to see lots of villagers at The Old Oak, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm for an evening of singing traditional Christmas carols to live music! What a great way to kick start the festive season.

### DECEMBER CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

2 <sup>nd</sup> 9.30	Worship for All
9 <sup>th</sup> 9.30	Worship for All with Holy Communion*
16 <sup>th</sup>	No Morning Service
16 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Carols by Candlelight
23 <sup>rd</sup>	No Morning Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Crib Service
25 <sup>th</sup> 9.30	Christmas Morning Worship 'Joy to the World'
30 <sup>th</sup>	No service at St Barnabas 11am Joint Service for the Benefices at Charlton

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!

### The Wychavon Youth Bus – Please see attached flyer

For those of you who aren't aware of what the Youth Bus is, it is a mobile multi-use drop in space for young people aged between 8 – 17 that offers youngsters a range of activities as well as space to chill out with friends.

The Youth Bus has recently been refurbished with some new audio visual equipment to keep up with ever-changing technology, and this includes an upgrade to the laptops, and the Xbox 360, which has been replaced by an Xbox One X alongside a 4K screen and new media area!

Even more of a reason to visit the Youth Bus the next time it visits a village local to you!

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<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/youthbus>



## ClubsComplete

Opening a world of opportunities to  
children and young people

We would like to thank you for a great start to this half term!

Can we just remind you to give us a call or e-mail to cancel any clubs before club starts, this way we can give you a credit for another session.

All parents who make regular same day bookings and pay with Childcare Vouchers or HMRC please inform us by e-mail of the days they require for the next half term.

Children who are not booked in will not be accepted at clubs and their parents will be contacted to collect them.

Have you joined our Facebook page Yet?  
lots of lovely pictures/news/competitions for all our schools.

We are very much looking forward to the rest of this term and have lots of lovely activities planned!