



# 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

9<sup>th</sup> November 2018



## International Links

Over half term, Mrs Richards visited our new sister school Lanting Primary School in Qingdao, on the east coast of China.

This was the first meeting of our two schools and was the start of what we hope will be an exciting partnership which will not only give our pupils the chance to learn about a different history and culture but also to collaborate on curriculum projects. The visit was made possible through our membership of Schools of Tomorrow and will be funded by the British Council.

It was a very hectic week, Mrs Richards visited several schools, addressed a conference, ate some very strange food and appeared on TV. We hope to host a reciprocal visit from our partner schools Headteacher later in this academic year.

## WWI Commemorative concert, 'Lest We Forget'

We were extremely proud of a group of pupils who, on the final Saturday of half term, sang in a commemorative concert, remembering the sacrifice of those who fought in WWI. The group were a credit to the school and showed great commitment in turning up for rehearsals in order to take part. A thank you too to the staff and parents who gave up their time to accompany the group, without their support the group wouldn't have had the opportunity.

## Christmas Boxes

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone for your contributions towards the Christmas Box Appeal. The response has been incredible. At the last count we have been able to fill 156 boxes! Our local church has been a huge support with donations and have also given us a large financial donation which means that every box we send will also have a £2.50 donation towards the cost of getting the boxes to the children in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas.

## Children in Need, Friday 16th November

Next Friday is Children in Need day. As a school we will be supporting it with a non-uniform day. However, we are aware that we have supported several charities this term and so any contribution will be at parent's discretion.

## Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day

Next week is anti-bullying week and in school we will be focussing on issues relevant to our children. On Monday we are encouraging the children to take part in 'Odd Socks Day'. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school.

You do not have to bring in money to take part - the most important thing is the message of Odd Socks Day - celebrating differences.

## Reception / KS1 Parents / Carers ONLY

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, we are running some sessions on Reading for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents. We are very excited to be working as a partner school with Rising Stars in London and, as a result of this, your children will be seeing and using some new and exciting books. It is strongly advised that parents / carers attend one of these sessions to fully understand the importance of and our school approach to Reading. Parents / carers should attend one of the following sessions: 9am, 11am or 2.45pm. These will be led by Mrs Louise Reeder (English Lead) and Mrs Lowden (EYFS Lead).

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Upcoming Dates/ Events.

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

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

### November 2018

#### Non-fiction November

- 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying week
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Worship in Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Trip to Number 8
- 16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need Non Uniform Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Worship in Church
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 Transition Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Year 3&4 Worship in Church
- 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair 5-7pm

### December 2018

- 4<sup>th</sup> Recep/Year 1/Year 2 Worship in Church
- 6<sup>th</sup> Year 4 (9am) 6OP (11am) Class Led Assembly
- 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
- 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
- 31<sup>st</sup> Year 2 (9am) 7BL (11am) Class Led Assembly

### February 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> February - 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> 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> Year 1 (9am) 5AH (11am) Class Led Assembly
- 4<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 4 - 6.30
- 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 Condover
- 12<sup>th</sup> Term Ends
- 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> EASTER HOLIDAYS

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### PE KIT

Please can all children have a tracksuit in their PE kits in school at all times. With the weather getting colder they really need something that they can put on top of their PE kits that isn't their school uniforms.

### Travelling Book Fair

We are delighted to inform you that we have a new company running our book fair this November.

'The Book People' will be visiting school from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November and will be open for all parents and pupils from 3.30pm until 4.15 each day.

There will also be an opportunity for parents / carers to visit the fair on their own after the start of the school day on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 8.55am and 9.20am.

The book people heavily discount their books and we hope this will be of greater benefit to you.

### Friends News - November 2018

Thanks for all your support at the recent cake sale, we made a whopping £148.70 profit - hope you all enjoyed the cakes.

Our next event is the **Christmas Fair** on 30<sup>th</sup> November. We have lots planned, including a Raffle (you should all have received tickets, more are available at the office), mulled wine and cider, hotdogs, stalls and games, there may even be a special visitor!

#### Dates for your diary:

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

**18<sup>th</sup> January - Cake Sale**, First School to provide cakes

**1<sup>st</sup> 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)

\*\*The 100 Club Winner for October is Mr A Hirons - Congratulations, a cheque will be sent out shortly\*\*

The Friends

[friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk)

## Drakes Broughton Village Hall invites YOU to our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations will be held in Drakes Broughton Village Hall

### 16<sup>th</sup> November 3 – 7 pm

Come and join in some sixties inspired games and have some birthday cake...and see the displays about the hall.

Donations towards the event will be gratefully received. Everyone is welcome.

### 17<sup>th</sup> November 1:30 – 5 pm

FREE Scavenger Hunt – form a team of up to 4; take a list and go hunting! Tombola, burgers and hot dogs available from 4pm. Prize giving is at 5pm.

Please register with Paul before at: [paulandrews0504@gmail.com](mailto:paulandrews0504@gmail.com) or send a text to **07804 308283**

Looking forward to seeing you all!

### St Barnabas Church

We are holding a Christmas Bazaar and coffee morning on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov from 10am - 12pm.

There will be cakes, homemade produce, Christmas crafts and gifts as well as a raffle. Hope to see you all there.

#### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

11<sup>th</sup> 10.30am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Worship for all

25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am 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!