



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

7th December 2018

Transition Day

Monday is our Year 4 transition day. Our own Year 4's will be joined by Year 4 children from feeder schools to begin to get to know each other and the staff here at St Barnabas. This is the first of several days designed to make transition into Middle School as smooth as possible.

The deadline for applications for a place at St Barnabas for September 2019 in Reception or Year 5 is the 15th January 2019. Our own Year 4 children do not need to apply for a place in Year 5.

The Big Education Conversation. (See attached leaflet)

We have agreed to pilot the Big Education Conversation as part of the Schools of Tomorrow Fellowship. Educators, business leaders and economists agree that the skills and qualities needed for people and society to flourish are changing rapidly, but the pace of change in the education policy is slow.

How could we educate our young people for life in the 21st century?

What can we do locally to improve the educational offer for young people?

This is not a 2/3 tier debate. It's part of a wider national conversation about what the education sector should be doing to address the changing needs of society and the workplace. It covers all stages of education up to the age of 18 and beyond.

In January we will be hosting some small discussion meetings to capture parents' thoughts. This will be an opportunity to collaborate with others, to learn and to share tools and resources; to help shape the future of education.

In the first instance, if you are interested, we'd love you to share your ideas by completing a short online form. If you'd like to come to a meeting in January you can register your interest [here](#) too. We'll also share this link via Twitter.

Attendance

The National target for pupil attendance at school is 96%. Currently our whole school attendance averages out at 94% so we are urging all parents to ensure that their children attend school whenever possible, that pupils arrive at school on time and that medical and dental appointments are taken out of school time whenever possible. If you have downloaded and registered to use our SIMS Parent App you will receive a weekly attendance alert on Fridays at 18:00 so you check your child's attendance percentage.

SIMS Parent App

Many thanks to all parents/carers that have downloaded and registered for the SIMS Parent App. Once you have registered please check the information that we hold is correct and submit your information, even if everything is correct, so that we can confirm your registration of the App. Next term we are launching our new payment App Agora which links to the Parent App.

Reception and KS1 Christmas Hat Competition

On Thursday 20th December we will be holding a Christmas Hat Competition. The hat must be made by the child and be able to worn during our Christmas dinner.

Christmas Services

Here are the times for our Christmas services which will be taking on Tuesday 18th. If you are able to join us in Church you will be most welcome.

Approximate times as follows:-

YR / 1 / 2 - 9.15

Y3/4 - 9.40

Y5 - 10.05

Y6 - 10.30

Y7 - 10.55

Upcoming Dates/ Events.

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

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

December 2018

10th Year 4 Transition Day
12th Reception & KS1 Christmas Production 6pm
13th Reception & KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
18th Christmas Services
18th Christmas Concert Yr 3-7 5pm - 6pm & 6.30-7.30pm
19th Reception, Y1 & Y2 Panto Trip
19th Christmas Concert Yr 3-7 2pm - 3pm
20th Christmas Lunch
20th Rock Steady Concert
21st Term Ends

January 2018

7th SCHOOL CLOSED TED DAY
8th Spring Term Starts
9th Trip Wizard of Oz Yr 6
10th Hearing Tests Reception
18th Cake Sale
First School to provide cakes
25th Young Voices Concert
28th National Storytelling Week

February 2018

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

March 2018

7th World Book Day
18th-24th Shakespeare Week

APRIL 2018

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
9th Sound of St Barnabas
10th-12th Year 4 Condoover
12th Term Ends
15th-26th EASTER HOLIDAYS

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Volunteers Needed

Do you have half an hour free each week? Would you be interested in volunteering to come and become a 1-1 Reader for a child in our school? We have lots of children who would love to have an extra 10 minutes with an adult to read their books aloud and talk about their reading. If this is something you think you could help with, please leave your contact details and available times for Mrs Reeder at the School Office.

Dogs

We are having an increasing number of complaints from concerned parents about the entrance to the school and the pavement area outside which is being obstructed by dogs. Please can we remind you that if you do need to bring dogs to school that you make arrangements not to gather around the areas that obstruct the entrance and the pavement. Dogs are not permitted on school property. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Friends News - December 2018

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Fair and thank you for your support. We are just finalising numbers but we raised in the region of £1,350 which is great news and again a great big thank you. Thank you also to all those who supported the Round Table Santa last night, some of the proceeds raised last night will also be coming to the school. Thank you to all the Friends, teachers and volunteers who helped make this possible.

Tea towel orders have been placed and we are hoping these will be returned in the next week. As soon as we have received and packed we will get these sent home, ready for Christmas.

Dates for your diary:

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 or pick up a flier from the office.

The Friends

friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Come to St Barnabas this Christmas!

So long ago, a baby was laid down to sleep in the straw of a feeding trough in a small village far, far away (not Shrek!) Why on earth are we still talking about it?

Why not come to Church and investigate?

Here are our services.....

Sunday 16th December

Please note, there will be no Morning Service, BUT....

CAROL SERVICE at 6.00pm

Monday 17th December at 7pm

Don't forget DBSO in the Village Hall!

Sunday 23rd December

Again, no service this morning

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve CRIB SERVICE at 5pm

St Edmunds, Stoulton

11.30pm Midnight Service

CHRISTMAS MORNING!

9.30am. Christmas Morning Worship...'Joy to the World'

Bring a pressie to show and tell!

Netball Workshops

Please find attached information regarding some Netball Workshops happening in the New Year.