



St. Barnabas Newsletter

Our Value for this month Thankfulness

Our Bible verse for this month is:

'Give thanks with a grateful heart' 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5 verse 18

15th March 2019

Rising Stars Partner School

Some of you will know that several months ago the educational publisher Rising Stars invited us to become one of their partner schools to work on the development of several new products. We have been using a brand new reading scheme, Reading Planet, with our Key Stage 1 pupils and trialling new assessment materials with Year 1 - Year 6.

Due to the success of these two new products Rising Stars will be visiting school next Wednesday to interview pupils and staff about how we have been using their products. As part of the interviews Rising Stars would like to photograph and video pupils and staff and potentially use the photographs and videos for promotional purposes.

If you would prefer your child not to be involved in the interviews/photographs/videos then please contact me: spb28@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day 2019 a day later than everybody else in the country this year but we did not disappoint. We were overwhelmed by the children's efforts: their costumes were impressive, their enthusiasm was infectious and their support for our "BIG BOOKY BAKE OFF" was truly phenomenal. The children all began their day in their classrooms sharing a story with a teacher they were not as familiar with. Mr Pass even dropped his SATs revision booklets and ventured into Early Years to read. What a fabulous morning! It just proves that you are never too old (or cool) to sit and be read to - we love listening to stories at St. Barnabas. We also received a huge number of cakes for our "BIG BOOKY BAKE OFF" competition - check out our Twitter page for some of the amazing photographs - and the entries were incredible. We have such talented bakers too! The judges found it extremely difficult to pick the winners but the winners were as follows: 1st place - Izzy I Y3, 2nd place - Ed C 5AH and Chloe S 6LR, 3rd place - Izzy C 5AH and Lydia P 6LR. It is also important to note that Amelia W's 6LR "Hungry Caterpillar", Jacob W's Y2 "Captain Underpants" and Paige S's Y4 "Little Miss" cakes were all given Highly Commended Awards for their efforts. All of the funds raised have been added to our Harry Potter Party funds and will be spent on our school library. Look out for more news on this soon!

School Class and Year Photographs - Tuesday 26th March

NextGen will be joining us on Tuesday 26th March to take Class and Year photographs which will be available for you to purchase. We do ask that on that day all children are sent into school with their school jumper.

Parents Evenings

Last week all children were sent home with their parents evening letters. These will be taking place on Wednesday 3rd April between 5.30pm – 8.00pm and Thursday 4th April between 4.00pm – 6.30pm. Your appointment time with the teacher is very important so please send back your time slot requests.

Message from the Worcestershire County Council Transport for the Year 7's

We have been asked by County Transport we remind you that all school leavers need to complete a new application if they require transport assistance to their new school in September. This will be assessed under Worcestershire County Council's Home to School Transport Policy and applications should be made via the Council's website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SchoolTransportApplication.

It is important that an application is made as soon as possible, or at least before 31st July, to ensure that the request can be assessed and any pass issued in time for the start of the new academic year. Late applications will still be accepted but MAY NOT be assessed in time for the start of the new academic year. If a transport application has already been submitted for September there is no need to do so again and we will advise you of the outcome shortly. For further information please visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SchoolTransport

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

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

MARCH 2019

15th School Disco
6-7pm First School
7.15-8.45pm 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
10th-12th Year 4 Residential
11th Rock Steady Concert (2.45pm)
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
17th Friends Cake Sale
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
13th Father's Day
Secret Room
14th Friends School Disco
21st Reception (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 Friends Summer Fayre
16th Reserve Sports Day
18th Leavers Assembly
18th Term Ends
19th & 22nd SCHOOL CLOSED

Social Media

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.

School Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies; Permanent Lunchtime Supervisor, Monday through to Friday during term time and Relief Lunchtime Supervisors 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

St Barnabas Sports News

The Year 6 Netball team travelled to Bredon Hill Academy yesterday 14th March.

Games were close. We won 2, lost 2 and drew 1 which gave us a finishing position of 3rd out of the 6 teams that took part, a great achievement for the girls. Well done Year 6!

Friends News - March 2019

Dates for your diary:

15th March - School disco, 6-7pm First School and 7.15-8.45pm Middle School.

Please note the new times for the Middle School Disco - we are hoping that this reduces hanging around time for parents with children at both - please be prompt in collecting your children.

29th March - Mother's Day secret room

5th April - Chocolate Bingo

17th May - Cake Sale

13th June - Father's Day secret room

14th June - Disco

12th July - Summer Fair

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

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>. Ask all your friends and family to support by registering their cards as well.

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

100 Club:

February's winner - No 84, Mrs R Swinbourne, congratulations and the cheque will be with you soon.

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

Email the Friends for more information or pick up a flier from the office.

The Friends

friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

SEVERN TRENT REQUESTS FLOODING INFORMATION

Severn Trent are investigating the sewerage capacity in Drakes Broughton and would like to request any information residents can give them on flooding recently and in the last 20 years. There is an online questionnaire:

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/get-in-touch/flooding-questionnaire/>

Alternatively, you can request a paper copy with reply envelope from the Parish Clerk, Nikki Nicholson, tel: 01905 93650, email: dbwppc@gmail.com

ST BARNABAS CHURCH

If you came to our festival of light in October, you may have a Christingle collection box. If you do and have filled it with your loose change, can you please bring it into the school office as we are ready to send our donations off to the children's society.

We will be serving homemade soup and bread in church every Friday throughout Lent, starting 8th March from 12.30-2pm.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to welcome many old friends and make some new ones too.

Donations will be collected for a chosen charity - to be decided.

Many thanks.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES – MARCH 2019

17th March 9.30am Worship for all

24th March 9.30am Worship for all with Communion*

31st March 9.30am Worship for all on Mothering Sunday

*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!