



# St Barnabas Newsletter

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## *Announcements*

### Coming Soon: ParentPay & Hot Lunches

We are so pleased to be able to announce our move to ParentPay, for a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, Boost (our Breakfast and After School Club) and much more...

With the introduction of the new online payment system and the weather changing, it is the appropriate time to bring back hot lunches. Until now we have been unable to provide them due to COVID restrictions but after a successful trial yesterday we are really excited to be able to offer them permanently. We are currently working with Pershore High School to start from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Information about the implementation of both of the above will be emailed out next week.

Our Value for this month is

## Respect

Our Bible verse for this month is:

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Matthew 7:12



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Barnabas-CE-First-Middle-School-1784179715240816/>



@StBarnabasDB



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

## **Virtual Open Evening for Prospective Parents**

Here at St Barnabas, we never shy away from opening our doors to parents however, due to current restrictions, we are unable to run our annual opening evening which was planned for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. As an alternative this year, we are going virtual and creating a dedicated page on our school website with lots of pictures, video tours and information slides. All this will be available later this month at

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

If you know of anyone who is considering this, please share this information and link with them.

## **National Poetry Day 2020**

At St. Barnabas, we celebrate "National Poetry Day" every single year. Not only is it Mrs Reeder's favourite day of the year but we have some amazingly talented poets in our school.

The theme this year was "Visions" so: Reception class had lots of fun writing a poem about the importance of their eyes; KS1 produced super poems about rainbows; Lower KS2 explored the vision of colour; Upper KS2 used metaphorical language to create a vision of a loved one and KS3 wrote poems through the eyes of someone else.

To see some of our top pieces from each class, please check out our Twitter/ Facebook.

Next week, Mrs Reeder will be hosting a virtual Celebration Assembly to the whole school to share these poems and award certificates, plus some poems from the adults too.

## **Face Covering on School Transport**

In light of the continued and rising increase in community transmission and COVID infection rates, Worcestershire County Council with advice from Public Health have decided to make the wearing of face coverings mandatory for children aged 11 and over on Home to School Transport from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Children aged 10 and under will be exempt and the council will follow the same guidance that is in place for Public Transport which can be found on the Department for Transport website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

We have been given some supplies of face masks by school transport, please contact the school office if your child requires one to travel to and from school.

## **School Photographs**

At the moment we have postponed the school photos until November and this will still be dependent on restrictions as to whether we will be able to do them on that date. If we are able to do them, it will be individual photos only.

We have organised a date in April 2021 for sibling, family group photos, class and year group photos so no one misses out.

## **Should my child stay at home?**

Worcestershire Children First have provided a useful flowchart to assistant parents when making decisions about their child's illness and whether they should remain at home. Please see the flowchart at the end of this newsletter.



### Macmillian Coffee Morning

We have been absolutely astounded by the support and generosity of our pupils' parents, families and friends towards our first virtual charity event. The Year 7 Macmillan Coffee Morning is always the first big event on the school calendar and this was the first year we were unable to invite families in to share it with us. However our Year 7's weren't to be defeated and hosted an array of activities including a virtual coffee morning, design a cupcake / coffee mug competition, providing individual cakes for all children and even convincing Mr Booth and Mrs Richards to dye their hair green! Lots of classes, parents and families tuned in for the virtual event, with several comments made at the end of the day about how good it felt to all be together albeit virtually.

Cupcake / Coffee mug design competition winners:

- First School - Poppy Year 3
- Middle School - Seren 6RD
- Cake design Competition: Harriet 7LC
- Cake description Competition: Nathan. 7LC

We are delighted to announce that we had our best year yet and have raised a staggering £1,200. Congratulations Year 7's



### Friends of St Barnabas

We are all parents / carers of children at St Barnabas, and we share a common goal to offer support to the school.

Our first AGM is on **Monday 5th October, 7pm** and will be held via Zoom, this will then be followed by our first meeting of the year.

If you would like to join the Committee or support the Friends with ideas or events then get in touch and if you would like to attend the meet then email Friends and we can share the Zoom details [Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk)

The Friends are also on Facebook. Don't forget to 'Like' us! Find us at [www.facebook.com/FriendsofStB](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofStB)

### House Captains

**We are really pleased to announce the House Captains for 2020/21.**

#### House Captains

- Abberley: Jake H & Hannah U
- Bredon: Charlie Se & Tegan
- Cotswold: Harry W & Harriet
- Malvern: Charlie Sm & Izzy

#### Vice Captains:

- Abberley: Jack F & Freya
- Bredon: Jake P & Eleanor
- Cotswold: Ed C & Holly C
- Malvern: Will F & Brooke

### Coats and Warm Clothing

Now it is getting colder, we'd like to remind you to ensure your child/ren are sent to school with a coat, hat and gloves. We encourage all our children to spend break and lunchtime outside.

# Sports @ St Barnabas

## PE & Games Update

Children are to come into school in their PE/Games kit so that they are already changed.

Please can all children Year 1 to 7 be equipped for lessons outside and we would recommend wearing a tracksuit now it is getting colder.

**Long hair is required to be tied back in a hairband and ear rings should be removed (in a small container) or tape provided temporarily for those who have recently had their ears pierced.**

Year	PE	Games
Reception	Friday	N/A
Year 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2	Friday	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
5LR	Wednesday	Thursday
5NM	Monday	Thursday
6LG	Monday	Tuesday
6RD	Friday	Tuesday
7LC	Wednesday	Friday
7OP	Thursday	Friday

## Notice from Parish Council re Play Park and Recreation Field:

- Please can we remind all users of the Play Park and recreation field to observe the social distancing rules and refer to the Covid signage in place.
- Please can we remind all users that dogs are NOT permitted on the Play Park or recreation field.
- There have been reports of bullying and antisocial behaviour at the Play Park, please can parents remind their children of the rules and that other adults may remind them of these rules and should be able to do so without receiving abuse.
- The Parish Council C are advising that incidents of antisocial behaviour are reported directly to the police with names and photographs if possible.
- Please be advised that using the area as a cycle track is not permitted. The PC are looking at the possibility of a cycle track in the future phase of the open space master plan, this may take some time. In the meantime, please do not take bicycles onto the Play Parks, maybe use the field instead. It is causing danger to other users.
- Please be advised that the contractors will be completing some necessary works and extending the ariel runway by 5 meters over the coming weeks. The runway will be closed whilst the extension takes place, please advise children not to attempt to use it whilst the work is in progress.

## School Games Mark GOLD



St Barnabas First and Middle School has been successful in being awarded the School Games Mark and the Virtual Awards for 2019/20.

The School Games, which is funded by Sport England National Lottery funding and delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, is a government led programme designed to deliver competitive school sport to all young people. The programme is designed to keep competitive sport at the heart of schools and provide more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best; @SG\_SouthWorc @YourSchoolGames

Mrs Maloney would like to say a big thank you to all those involved and all the hard work you continue to do throughout lockdown for the school to be able to achieve this great honour. We look forward to working towards our mark for 2020/21

## Year 7 Hockey in PE

7OP are doing Hockey in PE and need to remember to bring in a gum shield and shin pads. 7LC will be starting after half term.

# School Illness Flowchart

