



St Barnabas Newsletter

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Announcements

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Barney's babies. Theo Wyatt made an entrance right at the start of the summer holidays and Oliver Barney kept Mrs Barney waiting well into September before making an entrance. We are so pleased and wish them all the best getting used to family life.

iSingPOP Concert
Important Changes to the event
(See overleaf for more information)

**School Closed (Inset Day):
Friday 22nd October 2021**

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



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@StBarnabasDB



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

Open Day for Prospective Parents

Our Open Day for parents considering sending their children to us will be on Wednesday 13th October at 10.00-11.30am and 1.30-3.00pm. If you know of anyone who is considering this, please share the date with them to come along and see us in action.

School Attendance Expectations

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school.

Reporting Absence

All absences should be reported to the school office by 9am, either by calling 01905 840366 and leaving a voicemail using option 3 or emailing the office on office@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Unwanted Visitors

We have been getting several reports of young people gathering on school property outside of school hours. It is a criminal offence for a person to be on school premises without legal permission. We have sought the support of the Police and ask anyone who notices anything suspicious to report it to 111.

School Photographs

The children all looked very smart on school photo day. Proof cards have all gone home and parents have until 17th October to order pictures and receive free delivery into school.

School Shoes

As communicated at the start of term, we will be returning to normal school shoes after half term. Shoes must be 'sensible' and can be blue or black. No trainers.

Mobile Phones

These are brought into school at parents / students own risk and are not to be used in school time.

School Admissions Reminder

Worcestershire Children First School Admissions Team are now accepting applications for a Reception place for September 2022. Deadline for these applications is 15th January 2022. If you are interested in any other year group, please contact the school office to discuss a visit on 01905 840366.

COVID Testing – 21/22 Year 7's

We had hoped to have had further guidance from the DFE as to whether the children need to continue testing into October however we have yet to receive this so all Year 7 pupils have been sent home with additional kits. Thank you for regularly testing. We ask that you continue until we know more and report any positive cases to the school immediately.

iSingPOP Update



The iSingPop team have been in school this week teaching our pupils their new selection of songs and the atmosphere has been fantastic around school.

Due to a number of factors we will not be holding the open air concert. Instead the children will be performing the new iSingPop songs and dance routines during the afternoon of Thursday 7th October. iSingPop have very kindly agreed to record the performance so that we can share them on our website and YouTube channel, keep a look out for them.

Please note children are no longer required to stay at school and will be dismissed at their normal end-of-day times.

Coats and Warm Clothing

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

Headphones

If you have some spare headphones at home, they would be really useful to have in school and kept in your child's draw. (No blue tooth / wireless ear pods please) We feel this would be more hygienic than sharing school headphones for computing, music and other lessons. Thank you

Nasal Flu Vaccination Day

Reception through to Year 7 will be offered a nasal flu vaccination as part of the national scheme on 16th December. Although this may feel late into the Autumn Term, the nurse has asked us to remind everyone that this is close to the beginning of winter which is December through to February. Consent paperwork will follow after half term.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are extremely pleased to announce that Year 7 raised £564.23 at their Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents faces at this event and back in school. The support from everyone was just tremendous, from baking cakes, organising competitions, playground cake sales and online donations. The support was felt all round the school. Well done Year 7's.



October Half Term Holidays

International travel to and from the UK is always changing. With half term fast approaching, we would like to remind families who are planning on getting away to check the government travel list before considering your journey and be mindful of quarantine times upon your return to the UK.

Holiday Requests

We have seen an increase in holiday form requests to take holidays during term time. The rules haven't changed and parents should plan their holidays around school breaks.

House Captains

We are really pleased to announce the House Captains for 2021/22.

House Captains

Abberley: Meg & Oscar

Bredon: Evie & Phillip

Cotswold: Sophie & Tim

Malvern: Maisie & Alfie

Vice Captains:

Abberley: Ruby & Jayden

Bredon: Jess & Jamie

Cotswold: Alesha & George

Malvern: Phoebe & Michael

St Barnabas CE Pre-school

We are a Pre-school situated within St Barnabas CE First and Middle School providing high quality care and education to the children of Drakes Broughton and the surrounding areas. We take children from the age of 2 years and 9 months and currently have sessions available.

Funded places are also available, please contact Lynne for details.

If you would like any further information or to reserve a place please contact me by email as follows : ldp21@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Drake Broughton Village Hall Refurbishments

The Parish Council have asked us to remind parents to be vigilant whilst using the car park. Please park with care and ensure children stay away from the fenced area. There have been reports of children collecting balls from behind the fenced area.

Welcome to Friends

We are a group of parent and carer volunteers here to support the fantastic work the school do by raising much needed funds to enhance the experience of our children at the school. The last couple of years have had a massive impact on the support we have been able to provide and our hope is that this year sees the return of many of the much-loved activities that we run, including our Christmas and Summer fayres, cake sales, school discos and raffles.

In order to make these a success we need your help. We are always grateful for year group volunteers to join the committee as well as support for specific events as they run throughout the year - this could be helping out a disco, providing raffle prizes or putting your baking skills to the test!

Events:

- **4th October** - come and meet us in the First School playground at collection time and find out more about what we do
- **Facebook** - follow us on Facebook and find out about latest events and activities www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStB
- **11th October** - attend our AGM and join the committee, the meet will be at 7pm via Zoom - email us Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk for further details.
- Join our **100 Club** - the chance every month to win a cash prize, sign up on 4th October or email us direct.

We look forward to seeing the children (and parents) at events and a successful year of fund raising!

The Friends

friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Further section 278 roadworks B4084 Drakes Broughton

There will be further road works to complete the section 278 developer works on the B4084 near Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton. This is because the work scheduled during the end of last term and summer holidays was not completed due to workforce and material shortages (resurfacing and white lining). Work will continue between 15th to 20th November 2021. The advance notice should assist you in planning your travel time to school.

Road Safety

Please can we ask you to remind your child to cross at the crossing patrol provided and not at the top of the school drive or other points on Stonebow Road. Also when walking to school, please be vigilant for concealed driveways. Children should also not be dropped off outside the school / First School playground where there are double yellow lines, even for a very short time or if the crossing patrol is being used. This is both dangerous for the children and other drivers.

Our School Prayer

Our Father in Heaven
Thank you for our school,
our friends and all the people
that help and care for us.

Help us to be trustworthy
and reliable to all those
who depend on us.

Let all that you do be done in love.

Be with us as we learn new
things and discover your world.

Help us to remember those
people who are less fortunate
than ourselves.

Amen.

P.E. / Games Kit Update

RECEPTION

- School house coloured t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Black plimsolls

FIRST SCHOOL (Years 1-2)

- School house coloured t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Spare socks
- School navy sweatshirt or plain Blue/black sweatshirt and tracksuit for cold weather
- Black plimsolls for all children in Year 1 & 2

FIRST SCHOOL (Years 3-4)

- School house coloured t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Spare socks
- Navy sweatshirt or plain Blue/black sweatshirt and tracksuit for cold weather
- Trainers for Years 3 & 4

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Years 5-7)

- School house coloured t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Optional games skirt or skorts (cannot be worn for gym lessons)
- Spare socks
- Navy sweatshirt or plain Blue/black sweatshirt and tracksuit for cold weather
- Trainers for Years 5,6 & 7

In addition, children in Middle School will need football boots/hockey boots, long socks and shin pads for outdoor games activities after half term. We also strongly recommend that children in Years 5, 6, & 7 have a mouth guard for hockey and rugby. Hair should always be tied up.

MEDICAL

If your child has an inhaler, it must be taken to the P.E. lessons. Please check they are in date and in school at all times.

JEWELLERY

NO jewellery can be worn during PE and earrings must be removed. This is necessary in the interests of safety and parents of younger children should consider the implications of this when deciding whether to have their children's ears pierced or not. If ears have recently been pierced, tape to cover the studs temporarily should be supplied from home.

Even if children are not actively participating in their P.E. or games lesson, they are usually expected to change into their kit.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED

School Games Mark

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



Recognising Coronavirus Symptoms

Please find below a symptom's comparison chart which you may find useful:

Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms		NHS		
Symptoms	Covid-19 <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Flu <small>Rapid onset of symptoms</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	
Fever (37.8C or above)	Common	Common	Rare	
Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common (usually dry)	Mild	
Sneezing	No	No	Common	
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common	
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	
Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes (for children)	No	
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare	
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No	
Loss of taste or smell	Common	No	Sometimes	

Common symptoms are highlighted in green as a comparison. For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

Neighbourhood Matters

The **Safer Schools PCSO | South Worcestershire Harm Hub | West Mercia Police** have a new system to interact with its communities and have ask us share with all our parents:

The new system, called Neighbourhood Matters, enables residents, businesses and community groups across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and Telford to find out more about what is happening in their local community. It also gives them the opportunity to contact police officers and local policing teams directly so they can raise any concerns and provide feedback.

It is a free service and those who sign up can choose to receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice via a number of different channels.

Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Jones, said: “We are delighted to launch Neighborhood Matters as a key part of our Local Policing and Community Charter. The new messaging service will help us to work more closely with the public, build strong community relationships and both reduce and prevent crime.

“Intelligence received from our communities is vital in preventing and detecting crime and anti-social behaviour. Neighbourhood Matters will be another mechanism that people can use to pass on information and concerns, speak directly to local teams and keep up-to-date with policing in their area. By working together to share information we can make a real difference.”

The messages people receive will be targeted and based on their location and preferences selected by each individual. The public can sign up for local updates from their neighbourhood policing team, or join a number of specialised community interest groups such as Business Watch, wildlife crime and crime prevention.

More information can be found at www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Are you a member of the public and worried about a child?

If you have reason to believe that a child, young person or adult is at immediate risk from harm contact the **Police**: telephone: 999

If you have any concerns about a child or young person living in Worcestershire and feel that they may be in need of protection or safeguarding contact the **Family Front Door**.

Staff are available Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Fridays from 9.00am to 4.30pm. telephone: 01905 822666

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/childrenreferral>

For assistance **out of office hours** (weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays): telephone: 01905 768020

If you would like additional advice please refer to our safeguarding page on the school website, which we update regularly.

<https://st-barnabas.dowmat.education/statutory-information/safeguarding/>

Donations

We are looking for donations of any small / miniature toys, jigsaws, vehicles that are unwanted please. These will be for a new intervention project we are hoping to run.

Thank you

Church News

St Barnabas Church remains closed for the foreseeable future for church services but everyone is welcome to St Edmund's for our Sunday morning 9.30am services