



October 2017

St Barnabas has had a wonderful start back to the new school year and I would like to thank you all for ensuring that the children look smart in their school uniform and are in school on time every day. It was lovely to see so many of our community at our harvest festival on Friday and then again at St Agnes Church on Sunday.

This month is Black History Month and the children will be taking part in a number of activities to celebrate. Year 5 will be leading collective worship on Friday 6th October with a focus on Black History and Year 3 will be celebrating Diwali in their class assembly on Friday 20th October. I look forward to welcoming parents to both these events.

Mrs Bowen

Parent Governor Vacancy

Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement.

If you are interested in standing for this post or would like more information then contact Mrs Bowen

Attendance

Every child is entitled to a good education and absences from school result in lost learning opportunities. We want every child at St Barnabas to have good attendance and receive their full educational entitlement. If your child's attendance falls below 90% you may receive a warning letter.

Remember our school day starts at 8:45am and families are welcome to join their child in their class for early morning activities.

We also have a Before School Club that starts at 7:45 every morning too.

Lunches

At St Barnabas we offer a variety of school lunch choices including hot lunches and a salad bar. Although we encourage all pupils to have a school lunch, parents may choose to provide a healthy packed lunch as an alternative. Sweets and sugary drinks are **not allowed** in school.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal please see the office if you would like to order milk.

Please note the swap of menu this Thursday (5th October) to fish fingers.

Join us at our new Before School Club

Before school club starts at 7:45am every morning and costs just £1.50.

Breakfast is available until 8.30am for an additional 50p.

There is no need to book – just pay on the day!

Uniform & Sports Kit

At St Barnabas we like all children to wear our school uniform every day. This consists

of a royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with the school logo on, a white polo shirt and grey or black trousers or skirt.

For PE lessons all children should have a change of clothing. In KS2 children are allowed to wear their PE kit into school on the day of their PE lesson. For PE children should wear blue/black/grey leggings or tracksuit bottoms with a white polo shirt and a school jumper.

The school sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, polo shirts, book bags and PE kits can be purchased via the school website.

Transfer of pupils to Secondary School in September 2018

Now is the time for you to start applying for Secondary School places. Many schools have Open Days and Evenings. Information about dates and times is available on-line by following the link below.

www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Please note that the national submission date for on-time applications for a Year 7 Secondary School place for Sept 2018 is **Midnight on 31st October 2017.**

School Places

As you are aware St Barnabas is a very popular and over-subscribed school. If you know anyone who is interested in joining in Reception next year (2018) then we will be holding visits on Thursday 12th October at 11am & 4pm

Due to changes over the summer we also have a limited number of spaces in other year groups.

Administration of Medicine

If your child is ill and has been prescribed medication from the doctor then staff may give this medicine to your child only if it is essential that it needs to be given during the school day.

All other medication must be administered at home and not during the school day.

Key Dates

- 5th October – Football Club Starts
- 6th October – Y5 Black History Assembly
- 12th October - Individual Photographs
- 17th October – Y2 Travelling Kitchen
- Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October 10am-11.30am- Big School Adventures
- 20th October – Year 3 Diwali Assembly
- School Holidays 23rd – 27th October
- Y6 Camp – Monday 30th October

Big School Adventures

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old?

Then come along and enjoy **free, fun** sessions at

St Barnabas Primary School, Albany Road, Montpelier

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October
10am-11.30am

There will be a variety of adventures for you to enjoy with your child all led by teachers or professional coaches.

For more information or to book your **free** place contact 0117 3772391

