



December 2017

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evenings and I would like to thank you for your comments and feedback. The results of the parent voice questionnaire are below. December is always a busy month at St Barnabas, so please look at the Key Dates to ensure you don't miss anything. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday and if you are celebrating Christmas - a very happy Christmas. Mrs Bowen

Parental Voice – November 17

93% of parents agree that their child is happy at this school (39% strongly agree)

91% of parents agree that their child is well looked after at this school (57% strongly agree)

97% of parents agree that their child feels safe at this school (67% strongly agree)

92% of parents agree that their child makes good progress at this school (38% strongly agree)

Before School Club

Due to low attendance I have made the difficult decision not to run breakfast club on Mondays from January.

Before school club will run from **Tuesday to Friday** starting at 7:45am and costing just £1.50.

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

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

Consultation on Fairfield High School

Excalibur Academies Trust is consulting on the arrangements by which children will be admitted to Fairfield High School. A copy of the proposed Admission Policy is available at

<http://excalibur.org.uk/home/about-us/admissions/>

Any comments need to be submitted by 13th January 2018.

Star Trail

We are pleased to be welcoming back the St Barnabas Star Trail this year. The Star Trail is held at St Agnes Church & allows all pupils from Reception to Year 5 to explore the circumstances of the birth of Jesus. We will also ice biscuits and have fun talking about the festivals that people of faith celebrate and how that helps us all remember who we are. The children will not be taking part in any acts of worship.

The Star Trail will take place on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December throughout the day. Each class will have a time slot on one of those days. Please sign and return the letter and please volunteer to join us as we will need as many parents as possible to walk to St Agnes and back with the children.

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%, or your child is regularly late for school, you may receive a warning letter.

Reception Admission September 2018

If you or someone you know has a child who is due to start Reception next year then now is the time to complete your application.

You can do this online at:

www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2018. If you need any help with this then do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Staffing Update

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Warner at the end of term as she goes off to have her baby. We wish her and her family all the best at this time.

Also Miss Hume is expecting her second baby in May and I am sure you will join me on congratulating both her and her partner and wish them both all the best at this exciting time.

Open Doors Afternoon

Please join your child in their classroom to share their learning from this term from 2pm on Friday 8th December.

Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 12th

Roast Turkey Breast with Chipolata Sausage and Stuffing

Flaky Vegetable Parcel with Stuffing

Oven Roasted or Mashed Potatoes

Carrot Batons, Peas & Gravy

Followed by Chocolate Arctic Roll with Chocolate Blossoms

Key Dates for December

- 7th & 8th December – Star Trail (See attached letter for details)
- 8th December – Open Doors Afternoon
- 10th December – Focus Sunday at St Agnes Church 10am
- 14th December – Rec & Y1 Nativity 9.30am
- 15th December – Sparkle Day and End of Term 2 (Come to school dressed as sparkly as possible to celebrate the season and the end of term)
- 2nd January – Back to school for T3

November Shine Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils for letting their light shine in November:

Year 1 – Khadiija

Year 2 – Kyiron/Lee & Adan

Year 3 – Roxanna & Tumanir

Year 4 – Lillian & Imran

Year 5 – Khaliah & Seren

Year 6 – Abdi & Mykhair

Well done to **Year 4** who collected the most gold cards and well done to **Year 5** who had the best attendance last month.