



## September 2017

### **Welcome back**

What a great start to the new school year! Thank you for all the good wishes and support we have received since our return. Our first whole school act of worship on Monday was a great welcome for new children and staff to St Barnabas. We look forward to an excellent year ahead.

### **New Staff**

We are welcoming several new members to the staff team at St Barnabas this term. Mrs Fisher has joined us from Glenfrome Primary School as Acting Deputy Head & Miss Pavier is joining us as a Y4 teacher. In addition to this Mrs Amos and Miss Lane have joined the staff team in Reception and Miss Ecclestone has joined the Y3 team as a Teaching Assistant. I know you will join me in wishing them all a warm welcome.

Next week is St Barnabas' first ever **SHINE week** celebrating our values (respect, trust, unity, friendship, peace and justice). We will be having a special visitor for assembly on Thursday and all classes will be preparing something to share with the school in our celebration assembly on Friday. Please do ask your children about their SHINE learning - working together helps us shine brighter!

### **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.

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

### **Lunches**

At St Barnabas we offer a variety of school lunch choices including hot lunches and a salad bar. Although we would 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.

### **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

## 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.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> September at 11am & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 11am & 4pm. **Due to changes over the summer we also have a limited number of spaces in other year groups.**

## Crossing Patrol

We have just been advised that the School Crossing Patrol at Sussex Place will not be back on duty until 18th September 2017. Please take care when crossing the road.

## Key Dates

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Y5&6 start swimming
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: INSET days
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Clubs start this week
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Y2 Class Assembly
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Focus Sunday at St Agnes Church

## Safety

The safety of the children at St Barnabas is very important to us and so we would like to remind you of a few simple guidelines:

- Children should not ride bikes or scooters on the school playground, this includes siblings
- Children should not be on the play equipment before and after school

## 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, Montpellier**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

