



November 2017

What a busy end of term we had at St Barnabas! It was so lovely to welcome many of our parents into school for our celebration assemblies. Year 3 led our Collective Worship on Diwali and Year 5 on Black History Month. I am sure you will agree that they were both wonderful events and I am always so proud of our children when they represent the school in this way. This term we welcome back Mrs Kupai to Year 2 and Mrs Fisher will be joining Mrs Slattery in Year 4. We have parents evening next week and you should have received you time allocation this week. I look forward to seeing you all at these evenings. 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. Closing date for nominations is Friday 3rd November.

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 you child's attendance falls below 90%, or your child is regularly late for school, 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. 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!

PE at St Barnabas

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 or blue polo shirt and a school jumper. If your child is not wearing an appropriate school PE kit they may miss their lesson.

In Term 2 PE is on the following days:

Reception: Friday morning

Year 1: Monday and Friday

Year 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4: Monday and Wednesday

Year 5: Monday and Swimming on Friday

Year 6: Friday plus Swimming

Speech and Language Support

On Thursday 9th November between 2pm-4pm, our NHS Speech and Language Therapist, Helena Fenton, will be holding a drop-in session at St Barnabas. If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language development and would like to see Helena at the drop in, please book an appointment at the school office by Friday 3rd November.

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.

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 2nd November and Thursday 30th November at 11am & 4pm

We also have a limited number of spaces in other year groups.

Rosa Parks Lane Improvements

Planned improvements to Rosa Parks Lane are scheduled to take place between 13th November and 1st December. In order to install these improvements the lane will be closed periodically during this period. I have been assured by the council that during this time the contractors will try to minimise disruption as much as possible and local temporary signage will also be put in place to provide more details.

Key Dates for November

- 30th October - 1st November: Year 6 Camp
- 7th & 8th November – Parents Evenings
- 10th November – Y6 Class Assembly (Remembrance)

October Shine Awards

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

Year 1 – Omar & Rahima

Year 2 – Imaan

Year 3 – Monty

Year 4 – Joanna

Year 5 – Mohammed

Year 6 - Alishba & Shaon

Well done to Year 3 who collected the most gold cards in September and well done to Year 5 who had the best attendance last month.