

St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

www.st-barnabasprimary.co.uk

Albany Road, Bristol BS6 5LQ

We Let Our Light Shine

Sept 2018

WELCOME to the new school year. Thank you to all families who have commented on the work staff put into the school over the summer holidays. I have more planned improvements to make during the autumn. I have heard parents desire for change in the school and will be leading that improvement with my staff and our children.



Thank you to families who are supporting the school by ensuring their child wears school uniform every day. Every child should have brought home a school jumper, white polo shirt and a PE bag. All children have also been given a labelled water bottle to use at school. If your child does not wear school uniform each day you will get contact from their class teacher to ask you if we can help you.

The school's uniform is on the school website.

http://www.st-barnabasprimary.co.uk/web/uniform_/153147

School uniform with the school badge can be ordered from Initially Yours.

<http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/index.htm>

Please ensure you tell suppliers you want uniform for St Barnabas in Montpelier, Bristol They do supply the uniform of another school in South Gloucestershire that shares our name.

Happy New Year to all of our Muslim families. The Islamic calendar year started on Wednesday.



Mr Jon Barr

Headteacher

ST BARNABAS BREAKFAST CLUB: IT IS FREE

From 8.00am-8.40a EVERYDAY Monday to Friday the school has a FREE BREAKFAST CLUB in the school hall.

Please arrive through the Albany Road entrance and the school office,

It helps our planning if you are able to tell the school office that you will be using the club. PLEASE BOOK YOUR CHILD IN. The breakfast club is run by our Assistant Learning Mentors Miss Davidson & Mr Turnbull and our apprentices.

BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AND RELATIONSHIPS

I have been very proud of all of our children over the last fortnight. The behaviour in school has been very improved this school year.

This has been helped by changes we have made in the school, including changing how children play at break and lunchtimes. On Friday 14th September our Playpod has started to be fitted and we will open the Playpod on Monday 1st October.

We have also improved security in the building by fitting a new security system. This has helped behaviour in the school and will keep your children safe.

COMMUNITY ROOM

I hope you have visited our new community room. Mrs Testo, Miss Davidson and Mr Turnbull can be found in the room at the beginning of the day. PLEASE POP IN AND SAY HELLO. Our first coffee morning and parent council will be in the room on Thursday 11th October from 9.00am.

Key dates in September/October 2018



- Thursday 20th September Thangam Debonnaire MP visit to St Barnabas CE Primary School
- Wednesday 26th September European Languages Day
- **Sunday 30th September FOCUS SUNDAY St Agnes Church 10.00am All families welcomed**
- Monday 1st October Playground Playpod opening
- Tuesday 9th October Individual photographs of children
- Thursday 11th October Parents Coffee Morning/Parent Council
- Tuesday 16th October Parents evening
- Wednesday 17th October Parents evening
- Thursday 25th October ONE BIG CULTURE day at St Barnabas

EXCITING VISITORS TO OUR IMPROVING SCHOOL: WE ARE LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

This week we were visited by Tigress Productions who filmed Zephaniah's first day in our YR Leo class. This will be shown on The One Show in September 2019.



Next week we are privileged to host a visit by our local MP **Thangam Debonnaire**. She is coming to take a look around our school on Thursday.



Later in the term we host Valerie Bloom, Jamaican born poet and novelist, who will be working with some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children. All of our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be going to the Hippodrome Theatre on Friday 19th October to see Valerie perform.



Our Value for this term is Friendship

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

We understand families may be experiencing delays in money being paid following the move to Universal Credit. If this has happened to you or someone you know, you might be able to get help from the local crisis team, which will give you vouchers for food. You can get more information from:

Bristol City Council crisis team: 01179224500 or email lcpf@bristol.gov.uk

Citizens Advice: 03444111444 or online www.bristolcab.org.uk

HEALTHY START VOUCHERS

Free fruit and veg, milk and formula: If you are pregnant or have a child aged under 4 and receive certain benefits, you may be able to get Healthy Start vouchers. You can then exchange these for fresh or frozen fruit and veg, as well as milk and baby formula. You will also be offered multi vitamins. You can find out more information at www.healthystart.nhs.uk or ask your midwife or health visitor for more information

FARESHARE

Our school receives weekly supplies of food for the breakfast club. We receive some items (tins/packets) we cannot use each week. If you would like to access these foods please talk with Mrs Testo and the community room team.