

## St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

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# We Let Our Light Shine

Dec 2018

Since September have been pleased to see the vast majority of our children keeping our behaviour expectations in their classes and on our playgrounds. The arrival of the PlayPod has helped that along with training for our staff on how to support children's play.

Thank you to the vast majority of families for making sure their children wear school uniform every day. In the new year school will be buying a PE kit for all children to help uniform on PE days.

With our teachers and teaching assistants we have been working to strengthen our children's English vocabulary by making changes to how we teach. We have also worked to increase the amount of reasoning and problem solving your child is doing in their mathematics.



I have been really pleased with our no cost Breakfast Club which is now well used. This term we particularly enjoyed the day when Fareshare came and made smoothies with us along with our special guest Luke who is both a farmer in Chew Valley and a chef.

We have completed the installation of new interactive whiteboards in all classes and associated training with our teachers. along with the other improvements to our school site.

We have been working to help more families know about our school and consider it for their reception children starting in 2019.

Along with the banners on our school fences we have leaflets going to all local homes. **Do tell your friends, neighbours and family to visit us and make sure they get their applications in by the 15th January 2019.**

Mr Jon Barr Headteacher

### OUR ST BARNABAS PARENT COUNCIL

Thank you to the parents that were able to attend November's meeting. A number of issues were discussed with Mr Barr, Head Teacher, and Mrs Testo, Lead Learning Mentor:

Concerns about bullying and how these can look to people thinking about sending their children to St Barnabas in the future. The meeting was reassured that bullying is taken very seriously by all staff.

The need for school to promote all the positive changes that have happened recently. The school has had film makers in to make a promotional video that will show the children's positive responses to school life.

The Parent Council would like to thank all parents and children for their participation in One Big Culture Day. From the dancing, food, the chance to look at traditional artefacts and dressing up, to the lovely community spirit, the day went very well. We look forward to planning other events soon.

With the Reception Nativity play coming up soon, the Parent Council would like to respectfully ask that when parents attend school assemblies mobile phones are turned off and both the children and parents try to be as quiet as possible so everyone can hear the Leo and Orion children. Our children can be both excited and nervous about speaking out in assembly and if we can all give them our full attention, this will help with the nerves! Thank you.

Minutes of the November 2018 meeting

Key dates in  
Dec 18/Jan –Feb 2019



Wednesday 12th December OPEN MORNING for prospective families

Wednesday 12th December School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December Y4 trip to The Redgrave Theatre The Railway Children

Friday 14th December Visit to St Agnes Church STAR TRAIL for our children

Sunday 16th December Focus Sunday at St Agnes church 10.00am all families welcomed

Thursday 20th 9.30am YR and Y1 nativity play for the school and parents

Thursday 20th December Term 2 ends for children

Friday 21st December SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 7th January 2019 Term 3 starts

Tuesday 22nd January Standards Committee/Finance and Premises

Wednesday 23rd January Ethos Committee

Monday 4th February Full Governing Body

Tuesday 5th February Safer Internet Day

Friday 15th February Term 3 ends

### WELCOME BACK

To Mrs Vicky Warner who has come back from her maternity leave to be a part of our teaching assistant team and will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays in Y5 Aries class.

To Miss Ashleigh Moodley, our Orion Y1 teacher, who has returned from her ill-health. She has some days where she will attend training in the next two weeks.

### November 2018 Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all these children chosen to receive a Headteacher's award on a Friday in November:

**LEO (YR) Rukiya, Hamse, Shayal**

**ORION (Y1) Hadeesa, A'Nylka, Salim, Ayann**

**PHOENIX (Y2) Ja-Kye, Shadyer, Khalid, Rudy**

**PEGASUS (Y3) Adbi Azix, Imaan, Souber, Abiyan, FRumet**

**TAURUS (Y4) Hazel, Romario, Jody-Ann, Angel**

**ARIES (Y5) Zion, Imran, Zahraa, Humza**

**SCORPIUS (Y6) Sameer, Caleb, Akhlas, Jasmine**

### RECEPTION PLACES FOR 2019

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2019. If your child starts school in September 2019. Come and see your child's school on our open mornings.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL.

Encourage them to visit on one of open days.

**Wednesday 12th December 2018 9.00am-11.30am**

**Wednesday 9th January 2019 9.00am-11.30am**

**Friday 11th January 2019 9.00am-11.30am**

Please book through the school office on 0117 3772391

The deadline for applications on the City of Bristol website is on the 15th January 2019. Apply at::

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-admissions>