



# St Barnabas' School Newsletter



## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. It has been a great first week in school. We started with a First Aid course for all staff, which went very well and it is always good to see so many children return to school ready to learn.

The first half term in spring can be a difficult one as daylight is limited and the weather is cold. This gives us a great opportunity to focus completely on teaching in class and getting the most out of our students academically in the lead up to the summer term.

We also have governor learning walks taking place over the coming weeks. This is to ensure that the governors can see that the decisions we make as a governing body and the School Development Plan are being implemented correctly.

Finally, Happy New Year, I hope 2019 is successful and full of prosperity for the whole St Barnabas' community.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Shanahan

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th January—Year 3 Tate workshop in school

Tuesday 15th January—Year 5 and 6 Lord's Cricket

Wednesday 16th January—Year 4 Swimming

Friday 18th January— Parent Coffee Afternoon - School Nurse - Healthy Eating

Friday 18th January—2:45—Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 23rd January—Year 4 Swimming

Friday 25th January—2:45—Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 30th January—Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 7th February—LMM Year 3 Composition Workshop

Friday 18th February—Break up for half term

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Attendance:

Congratulations to **Knightsbridge**, who topped the table with **98.5%**.

Year 4 - Knightsbridge —98.5%

Year 5 - Sloane — 95%

Year 1 - Chelsea —94%

Reception - Pimlico — 92%

Year 6 - Belgravia —91%

Year 3 - Eccleston — 88.5%

Year 2 - Ebury — 83.2%

### Punctuality:

Year 3 - Eccleston — 100%

Year 5 - Sloane — 100%

Reception - Pimlico —100%

Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 99.2%

Year 2 —Ebury —99.1%

Year 5 - Belgravia — 98.9%

Year 1 - Chelsea — 98.5%

Nursery - Ranelagh — 96.2%



**Attendance Matters**  
...every school day counts!

*Please make sure that your child is on time for school every day, as being late seriously affects their learning. Thank you.*



## Star of the Week



This week's stars of the week are as follows:

**Reception** - Dina    **Year 1** - Jazmine    **Year 2** - Yusra

**Year 3** - Eric    **Year 4** - Mari    **Year 5** - Fahad    **Year 6** - Henry



## School Nurse—Parent Coffee Afternoon

Our next Parents' Coffee Afternoon, which is happening on Friday 18th January, will be led by our school nurse, Kelly James. She will be visiting to not only talk through tips on a healthy lifestyle but also to answer any question parents might have about anything.

As ever, Mrs Cunnington will also be on hand to answer any questions or queries you may have about anything relating to what is happening in school. We also welcome any suggestions you may have about how we can develop St Barnabas' and this informal meeting is a great place for you to share any ideas you may have.

Refreshments will be provided as always and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday.

## Nursery & Reception Dressing up clothes

Our Nursery and Reception classes (also known as the EYFS, Early Years Foundation Stage) are in need of some dressing up clothes. Before we order some, we wondered if anyone had any clothes or costumes lying around at home that are not in use anymore.

If you do have any clothes, costumes or accessories that you do not use or your child has grown out of we would love them to be donated so that we can make good use of them here at school.

Any donations can be given in to the school office or directly to Miss Farrow or Miss Tencerova. Thank you.



## Illness in school

As the temperature is dropping we just wanted to remind children and parents to make sensible clothing choices to ensure that we are all in the best position to stay healthy.

If your child is ill please keep them at home as the risk of infecting other adults and children in this weather is higher due to our immune systems being suppressed and viruses, like the flu virus, thriving in cold weather.

Regularly washing hands, getting enough sleep and eating healthily all help to boost/relieve our immune system.

## School Dinners

As part of developing partnerships with parents we will be sending out a survey with a set of potential options for school meals. The following will be the four main options:

Meat—Halal, Meat—Non Halal  
Pescatarian, Vegetarian

Before we send the survey out, if any parents do want to suggest any ideas we are open to them. Catering on this scale may mean that they cannot happen but we want to include as many views as possible in the survey. In the short term nothing is going to change but we will look to meet the needs of our school community as a whole as we move forward in the coming years.