Dear parents,

Another week has passed and the students are settling into school life well. It is always difficult getting to know the new expectations in a year group and the systems and routines that a new teacher has but our students are doing exceptionally well.

We have two events next week which I am sure the St Barnabas’ school community will support. On Thursday evening our choir will be performing at a mass, with the bishop of London, to celebrate life in the parish.

It is also our Harvest Festival next Friday at 9:00am. The rise for the need for food banks in this country is distressing, but the work that they do in supporting the vulnerable, in communities throughout the country, is commendable. We are always very generous with our donations and I am sure that will be the case this year too.

Yours faithfully,

Brendan Shanahan

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**Attendance & Punctuality**

**Attendance:** Well done to Belgravia Class!
- Year 6 - Belgravia — 100%
- Year 5 — Sloane — 99%
- Year 2 — Ebury — 97.5%
- Year 4 — Eccleston — 96.5%
- Reception — Pimlico — 94.4%
- Year 3 — Knightsbridge — 93.6%
- Year 1 — Chelsea — 90.8%
- Nursery — Ranelagh — 87.8%

**Punctuality:**
- Nursery — Ranelagh — 100%
- Reception — Pimlico — 99%
- Year 4 — Eccleston — 98.9%
- Year 6 — Belgravia — 98.7%
- Year 5 — Chelsea — 98.2%
- Year 3 — Sloane — 97.8%
- Year 2 — Ebury — 96.5%
- Year 3 — Knightsbridge — 96.2%

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**Star of the Week**

This week’s stars of the week are as follows:
- Nursery — Youssef
- Reception — Huda
- Year 1 — Adam
- Year 2 — Iqraam
- Year 3 — Tyler
- Year 4 — Eric
- Year 5 — Jaedon
- Year 6 — Jeraicei

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**Diary Dates**

- Thursday 26th September — 6:00pm — Bishop of London St Barnabas’ Service
- Friday 27th September — 9:00am — Harvest Festival in St Barnabas Church
- Monday 30th September — 9:00am — Year 6 Brompton Cemetery Visit
- Tuesday 1st October — Parents’ Evening
- Wednesday 2nd October — Parents’ Evening
- Friday 4th October — Macmillan Cake Sale
- Monday 7th October — Y4 Violinists visit British Film Institute
- Tuesday 8th October — Y3 Aquarium Learning Visit
- Wednesday 16th October — Y6 Not Forgotten Project
- Thursday 17th October — International Evening in school
- Friday 18th October — Last day of the half term
Our Harvest Festival celebration will be led on Friday the 27th October at 9:00am in St Barnabas Church. The service will be led by Fr John and the school will be singing many of our classic harvest songs. As ever, we are collecting for Westminster Food Bank. I am always amazed by the generosity of our school. The following is a list of desired items for donation:

- Fruit Juice
- Sponge Pudding
- Toilet Rolls
- Washing Powder
- Razors
- Coffee & Tea
- Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Washing Liquid
- Toilet Cleaner
- Powdered Milk
- Rice Pudding
- Sugar
- Kitchen Towels
- Shaving Foam
- Long-Life Milk
- Tinned Meat
- Cooking Oil
- Washing Powder
- Washing Liquid
- Kitchen Towels
- Shaving Foam

Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

The key aim of foodbanks is to provide three days emergency food to those who are in crisis either due to poverty, sudden loss of income from unemployment, bereavement, domestic violence, illness or changes in benefits, or other crisis within their family unit.

We will be collecting food throughout the week in preparation for the service on Friday. Feel free to donate in the office at any time. Thank you.

As a school we will be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning to help fight cancer and also help any families that have been affected by it. We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 4th October to support this which I will talk more about in next week’s newsletter.

As we have some new families and parents attending St Barnabas’, I wanted to remind people about the importance of security around the entrance door. It is vitally important that we control everyone who comes in and out of the door securely. With this in mind, once you have been buzzed in by Miss Sham or Mrs Colburn do not let anyone enter the building at the same time as you. If someone does try to enter the building please do challenge them and alert a member of staff immediately. Although you may feel awkward in this situation if it is a parent or carer connected to our school they will be glad that the security of our children is being upheld.

In classes we are covering Internet Safety. Here is a website for parents which has a lot of information about how you can keep your child safe when they are using the internet. Thank you.

WWW.SAFERINTERNET.ORG.UK