



St Barnabas' School Newsletter



A message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to the summer term. It's wonderful to see the children looking so refreshed from the Easter break and excited to be back in school for their learning.

As it is the summer term, we hope that the good weather will prevail. However, this is the UK and the weather is subject to change very quickly! We ask that all children come to school with at least a light, waterproof jacket so that if it does rain they are protected from it.

I also introduced our new value for this half-term—*compassion*. We looked together at the different feelings we can have, what effect emotions can have on us and what we sometimes need from others. We watched a clip from the film 'Inside Out' to help illustrate how we can be compassionate to those around us. Alongside this week's newsletter is the values handout for families - please take some time to look at it together - it's definitely worth a read and really helps to strengthen the connection between school and home.

Yours sincerely,
Catrin Cunningham

Diary Dates



**Monday 29th April - Thursday
2nd May - School Book Fair**

Wednesday 1st May - Year 3 swimming

Thursday 2nd May - Reception's Values Assembly

Thursday 2nd May - Years 3 and 4 Chelsea Football coaching

Monday 6th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7th May - School Photograph Day

Wednesday 8th May - Year 3 swimming

Thursday 9th May - Year 1's Values Assembly

Friday 10th May - Reception and Year 1 Fit 'n' Fruity workshop with the school nurse

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance:

Year 3 - Knightsbridge	— 97.1%
Reception - Pimlico	— 96.0%
Year 1 - Chelsea	— 94.4%
Year 6 - Belgravia	— 91.0%
Year 2 - Ebury	— 86.7%
Year 4 - Eccleston	— 87.6%
Year 5 - Sloane	— 87.3%
Nursery - Ranelagh	— 82.3%

Punctuality:

Reception - Pimlico	— 100%
Year 1 - Chelsea	— 99.4%
Nursery - Ranelagh	— 99.2%
Year 6 - Belgravia	— 98.5%
Year 3 - Knightsbridge	— 97.8%
Year 2 - Ebury	— 97.2%
Year 5 - Sloane	— 97.2%
Year 4 - Eccleston	— 97.1%



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:

Nursery - Xerxes Reception - Jenayde Year 1 - Charlotte Year 2 - Zafire
Year 3 - Naomi Year 4 - Tayyiba Year 5 - Henrietta Year 6 - Samuel



Food and Snacks



As you are all aware, we are a NO NUTS school. This is for the simple fact that we have children with nut allergies and it is simply not safe for them to be in an environment where there could be exposure to the allergen. We ask that you make sure any food being brought to school - especially in packed lunches - is NUT FREE.

This leads on to the next point which is the snacks provided for children at the end of the school day. We pride ourselves on the healthy meals that we provide our pupils and the education we give around a healthy and balanced diet. As parents, the packed lunches you provide on trips are excellent and showcase what a healthy packed lunch should look like.

However, we have become increasingly aware that the snacks which are being given to children at the end of the school day are not following our healthy eating guidelines. Children are being given *crisps, chocolate, biscuits, donuts, sweets and fizzy drinks* on a regular basis. Of course, these items are enjoyable and *fun as a treat but shouldn't be brought daily into school.*

Therefore, we are asking that the snacks and drinks children are provided at the end of the school day are healthy - fruit, crackers, sandwiches, water, milk, etc.



We will be keeping an eye on the snacks which come into the playground in order to ensure healthy eating standards are being kept up for our children.

Book Fair

After a very successful Book Fair earlier in the school year, we are excited to announce that next week we will be holding another book fair.



From Monday to Thursday next week the book fair will be set up in the School Hall. We invite you all to come and browse the great selection of books on offer. Hopefully you'll see something you like in which case you can purchase the book(s) there and then. We will be able to take cash payments each afternoon.

To have a look at the books available to purchase you can always go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

School Photographs

On Tuesday 7th May, following the first May Bank holiday Weekend, we will have our annual school photograph day.

Each child will have their individual photo taken and will also be in their class photograph. Siblings will have a photograph as well.

This is always a great day and a lovely way to remember the school year to date.

Please make sure that children are in their full school uniform on this day and school uniforms are clean!

There will be a letter going out next week in which more details will be given.

