



# The Shell

25th September 2020

*Support us to Help, Encourage, Learn and be Loyal.*



## EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND

We have some exciting news about our Early Years playground. Our chair of Governors Kate McCarthy and the Governing Body have been working hard to secure some funding for a revamp of our current playground. The new play area will be used as an outdoor classroom, outdoor learning and creative play area. It will be a wonderful space for the children. We are raising further funds to reach the fundraising target. If you would like to support us in fundraising for this project please visit the link below. Any donation would be a great help and please feel free to forward the link to family and friends!

[www.spacehive.com/st-barnabas-school-](http://www.spacehive.com/st-barnabas-school-)

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Stars of the Week on Friday 18th September:

**Nursery** - Elilta      **Reception** - Adam  
**Year 1** - Miki      **Year 2** - Innes  
**Year 3** - Kaseem      **Year 4** - Ali  
**Year 5** - Iman      **Year 6** - Jaedon

Stars of the Week on Friday 25th September:

**Nursery** - Ibrahim      **Reception** - Elisabetta  
**Year 1** - Ibrahim      **Year 2** - Mahad  
**Year 3** - Abubakr      **Year 4** - Maryam  
**Year 5** - Nour      **Year 6** - Zara

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

It is our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 30th September. Unfortunately, we cannot all be together to celebrate, but each class will take part in a virtual celebration. Children will sing Harvest songs in class and Fr John will lead the service. This year, we are collecting for the [Westminster Foodbank](http://www.westminsterfoodbank.org). The need for food banks is important now more than ever. The work that they do in supporting the vulnerable, in communities throughout the country, is commendable. If you are able to, any donations of non-perishable items such as tinned goods will be gratefully received. Please bring any donations into school on **Wednesday**.

## DIARY DATES

**Parent/Teacher Phone Calls** - Teachers have started making their phone calls home to parents this week to introduce themselves. If you haven't managed to speak to your child/ren's class teacher yet, they will try to telephone you next week. We know how strange it is that parents and carers can't speak to teachers very much at the end of the school day at the moment, but we hope these phone calls are helpful for you to hear about how your child has settled into school.

**Monday 28th September** - Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting (invitation to follow).

**Wednesday 30th September** - Harvest Festival (see separate information).

**Thursday 1st October** - 9.30am, Early Years Parents' Coffee Morning. Parents of children in Nursery and Reception Class are invited to join Miss Tencerova and Miss Farrow for a remote coffee and chat about Early Years! (invitation to follow).

**Thursday 8th October** - 9.30am, Coffee Morning, Reading Workshop with Mrs Cole. Join to hear about the reading scheme at St Barnabas' as well as hear about the reading curriculum across the school (invitation to follow).

**Monday 19th October & Tuesday 20th October** - Parents' Evenings. These will be online/remote meetings using GoogleMeets/Zoom.

More information to follow about booking appointments.

**Friday 23rd October**-End of Term 1

**Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October** - HALF TERM

**Monday 2nd November** - Children back to school

*If your child, or anyone in the household, is showing signs of Covid-19, do not come into school and follow [self-isolation/testing advice](#). Please contact the school office if your child is going to be absent from school.*

## REMOTE LEARNING PLANS

Please read through the attached document about our school plans if a year group bubble (or whole school) needs to close due to a positive Covid-19 test. We will be offering a mixture of online remote live lessons as well as learning packs that the children can use at home. We will keep you updated with these plans but please contact the school office if you have any questions about these plans.