



# St Barnabas' School Newsletter



## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been a really positive couple of weeks in school as we approach the end of Spring Term. Mrs Cunnington and I have been conducting formal observations of all teaching staff and it has been a real pleasure to go into every class and see first hand the high quality teaching and learning going on which translates into progress and achievement for your children.

We now have heating in the church hall, which will become our new nursery, but we are still waiting on the full installation of the lift. We are starting to set up the classrooms and also take our students in Nursery class over to the building to work in their for longer periods. The delays have been immensely frustrating but we will keep you informed about the official opening but it may now be after Easter to ensure that the children are familiar enough with the setting for the transition to go as smoothly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Shanahan

## Diary Dates

Monday 25th March—Year 3 & 4 Learning Visit—Westminster Abbey

Monday 25th March—Year 1—Bikeability

Monday 25th March—Oral Health Workshop—EYFS

Monday 25th March—2:30pm—Year 6 Victoria Library Visit

Wednesday 27th March—Year 6 Westminster Archives Learning Visit

Wednesday 27th March—Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 28th March—Oral Health Workshop—EYFS

Thursday 28th March—Year 3 Eaton Square Gardens Visit

Friday 29th March—Parent Coffee Morning/Afternoon—Maths

**Friday 29th March—Mother's Day Service**

**Friday 5th April—Easter Egg Hunt**

**Friday 5th April—2:00pm Break up for Easter**

**Tuesday 23rd April— Back to school**

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Attendance:

Year 6 - Belgravia	— 98.1 %
Year 5 - Sloane	— 96.4 %
Reception - Pimlico	— 96 %
Year 4 - Eccleston	— 92.4 %
Year 3 - Knightsbridge	— 92.1 %
Nursery - Ranelagh	— 89.2 %
Year 1—Chelsea	— 84.4
Year 2 - Ebury	— 60 %

### Punctuality:

Year 1 - Chelsea	— 100%
Year 2 - Ebury	— 100%
Year 6 - Belgravia	— 99.5%
Reception - Pimlico	— 99.5%
Year 5—Sloane	— 98.1%
Nursery—Ranelagh	— 97.6%
Year 4 - Eccleston	— 97.1%
Year 3 - Knightsbridge	— 97%



**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** - Jun Jude    **Reception** - Amadeus    **Year 1** - Lily May    **Year 2** - Faith  
**Year 3** - Kiyara    **Year 4** - Charlie    **Year 5** - Yusuf    **Year 6** - Jesus



## Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday 5th April we will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for Reception to Year 6 at Belgrave Square (Nursery will have their own hunt in school). The hunt will also be an opportunity for us all to come together as a community and share a picnic lunch. There will be further letters going out next week with the exact details but children will be able to go home with families from Belgrave Square or return to school to be dismissed at 2pm. We will be holding a raffle and I hope as many parents and families can attend as possible as it should be a really positive, fun filled, end of term.



### Miss MacDougall

You will all be delighted to hear that Miss MacDougall gave birth to a boy weighing 8lbs this week. Mother and child are doing well and we are eagerly anticipating a visit after Easter.



### GBR

The activity for our Good Behaviour Reward this half term has been chosen by Pupil Parliament. They have decided to spin the activity wheel in school where all the students who have behaved throughout the half term will have a choice of activities led by teachers in school.

We have high expectations of behaviour here at St Barnabas and it is pleasing to see so many students take part in GBR!

### RIBA

Year 5 have been working with the architectural firm Hansons looking at regeneration in the local area. This is through The Royal Institute of British Architects. We are holding an exhibition of the work produced on 3rd April at 3:15pm in the school hall. Thank you to

**HANSON ARCHITECTS**  
London and Edinburgh

Miss Castle for securing this link.

### Maths Workshops

Mrs Cunningham will be leading Maths workshops concentrating on addition and subtraction on **Friday 29th March**. To try to make this available to as many parents as possible Mrs Cunningham is going to run the workshop in the morning and the afternoon, with the morning workshop starting at **9:45am** and the afternoon workshop starting at **1:45pm**.

