



The Shell

11th September 2020

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A message from Mrs Jewitt

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new academic year at St Barnabas' Primary School! It has been a strange and sometimes difficult few months for everyone, but we are all very proud of how well the children have returned to school this term. Everyone has been busy in their new classrooms whilst getting used to the new hygiene and safety procedures. It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year.

I'm delighted to be at St Barnabas' as Executive Headteacher, with **Miss Castle** as our Head of School. **Mrs Cole** and **Miss Bittermann** are our Assistant Headteachers this year. We also welcome the following members of staff to our team:

- **Miss Andrea Tencerova** returns to St Barnabas' as our Nursery Class Teacher
- **Mrs Rebecca Connoll** is our Student Teacher in Reception Class
- **Miss Alaa Mirza** is a new Teaching Assistant in Nursery and **Miss Oumaima Chaibi** and **Miss Nicola Ferri** are new Teaching Assistants in Reception Class
- **Miss Phoebe Pollington** is a Teaching Assistant in Years 5 & 6 and **Mr Saheed Lawal** is our Caretaker

Sadly, we are unable to hold group events at the moment. This includes parent Coffee Mornings and Celebration Assembly Worship on a Friday. We are hoping to hold virtual Coffee Mornings and meetings (please see diary dates) and will send invitations to parents ahead of these times. Collective Worship is filmed by members of staff each day and being played in classrooms for children. We will send links to our Friday Celebration Assembly Worship home via email so you can still be part of our special weekly service.

I look forward to working with you and your families this academic year.

Mrs Rachel Jewitt - Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Thursday 17th September-9.30am, Parents' Coffee Morning (via Zoom or Google Meets, invitations will be sent out ahead of time). All parents welcome to join Mrs Jewitt and Miss Castle for a remote coffee and chat!

w/b 21st September - Parent/Teacher Phone Calls. We know you may not have had the chance to speak to your child's class teacher yet, so teachers will be phoning parents from 21st September. More information to follow.

Wednesday 30th September - Harvest Festival. More information to follow.

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!

Friday 23rd October-End of Term 1

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

Monday 2nd November - Children back to school

STAR OF THE WEEK

Each week, children are nominated as 'Stars of the Week' by the Class Teachers. Children can be nominated for following our school rules and living out our school vision.

This week's Stars of the Week are...

Nursery ~ Adam **Reception** ~ Jamie

Year 1 ~ Laura **Year 2** ~ Emmanuel

Year 3 ~ Yasmeen **Year 4** ~ Kian

Year 5 ~ Raquel **Year 6** ~ Jah-Kyrie Anne

EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND



We have some exciting news to share about our Early Years playground - this important area is due to be refurbished!

We will have more news to share about this very soon - watch this space!

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

After big changes in our school routine last year, children's attendance at school is compulsory again. If your child isn't able to attend school because of illness or any other reason, please contact the school office by phone or email. Holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Please do contact the school office if you have any questions about attendance or check the policy on the school website.