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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 11 September 2017

Book Bags = £3.00

Gym Bags = £2.50

St Barnabas' P.E T-Shirt's = £5.00
Sizes available are 5-6, 7-8 & 9-11

Swimming Hats = £2.00

These are all available to purchase from the school office.

Term Dates

2017 -2018 Starts on Wednesday 6th September
Half term ends on Friday 20th October at **3pm**
The second half of term starts on Tuesday 31st October
Term 1 ends 19th December at **1.30pm**
Term 2 starts on Thursday 4th January
Half term ends on 9th February at 3pm
The second half of term starts on 19th February
Term 2 ends on Thursday 29th March at **1.30pm**
Term 3 starts on Monday 16th April
Half term ends on Friday 25th May at **3pm**
Second half of term starts on Tuesday 5th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have all quickly settled into the school routines. Thank you for the prompt start to school. It is lovely having an opportunity to see you all at the start of the day.

Term 1 Collective Worship

13th September Roald Dahl Day – children can come dressed up as a Roald Dahl character.
20th September – find out about the topics for the term
27th September - Harvest around the world
4th October – Year 1
11th October International
17th October (Tuesday) Music Concert FSU Year 1,3 and 5
18th October end of term sharing
1st November – Maths whole school
8th November – Year 2
15th November – Children in Need
22nd November P4C
29th November – Our values
6th December Year 3
13th December – KS2 Christmas
19th December Music Concert Year 2, 4 and 6.

Wednesday Collective Worship parents and carers are very welcome to join us. It is a chance to find out what happens in the school, to see your children perform and celebrate your child's achievements and birthday.

Attendance: All children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell. All children are expected to arrive at 8.45am and be settled by 8.55am. I cannot stress enough how important it is for children to arrive at school on time and settle with their class. If you need any support at the start of the day please speak to the class teacher or come and speak to me.

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery):

Year 1: 0

Year 2: 0

Year 3: 1

Year 4: 0

Year 5: 4

Year 6: 0

Thank you to everyone that is regularly on time it really does make a difference to the children's learning, staff and the office.

Lates: thank you to families that are working with the class teachers to improve lateness. Please discuss with the class teacher if there is any way that the school can help you get your child to school on time. We know traffic can be an issue for some families but if you live locally and are having problems we may be able to arrange to come and walk your child to school.

Weekly Attendance Percentage per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): %

Year 1: 91.9%

Year 2: 97.1%

Year 3: 92.7%

Year 4: 96.9%

Year 5: 98.8%

Year 6: 90.9%

The aim is for each class to achieve a minimum of 95% attendance each week, however we would like this to improve and for each class to achieve at least 96% attendance or higher.

Attendance: If your child is unable to attend school then please telephone the office and leave a message, selecting the option to report an absence or alternatively you can email the office (office.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk). As stated in our Attendance Policy 'It is expected that parents will contact school as soon as it is reasonably practical (eg by 9.30 am) on every day their child is unable to attend'. Thank you.

Dates

International Evening – Tuesday 10th October
6pm – 7:30pm

Individual Photo's – Tuesday 7th November

Panto – Monday 4th December

New School Meal Price: School Dinners are now £2.20 per meal and are payable in advance for children in years 3-6. All children in Key stage 1 are still entitled to free school meals.

If your child is in years 3-6 and you believe that you may be entitled to free school meals, please obtain a form and details of eligibility from the office.

We are in the process of transferring our dinner accounts over to the new academic year and we will not be able to update any dinner accounts this week. We will let you know when the process is complete and you can check the accurate up to date balance. You are still able to pay dinner money into your account on line during the transfer process, or by cash or cheque via the office.

Allergies: Please remember we are a nut and seed free school.

Please see a link for information about allergies.

'living with anaphylactic allergies':

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zpdy6fr>

Violin and Cello lessons: I have places available for new beginners on cello or violin. These are normally group lessons 3-4 at the cost of £6.49 per 20min. I am also happy to teach a shared lesson - 2 pupils at the price of £9.49 or individual lesson at the cost of £18.49 per 20min. The prices are set by the Oxfordshire Music Service.

Any interested parents should contact the Music Service directly via phone or email available on the website:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/learning-instrument>

Parents can also contact me directly on:

Tatiana.Judycka@oxfordshire.gov.uk

New Activity After School Clubs: Please don't forget if you have signed up for any of our new activity after school clubs payment must be made in advance to secure your child's place.

We still have places available at Sports club (Tuesday), Chess club (Thursday) and Girls Football club (Friday). Girls Football is now also going to be available to Year 2.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher