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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Wednesday, 06 September 2017

Welcome back and welcome to St Barnabas' if you are a new family.

#### Term Dates

##### **2017 -2018**

Starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Half term ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm  
The second half of term starts on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Term 1 ends 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm  
Term 2 starts on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Half term ends on 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm  
The second half of term starts on 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Term 2 ends on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm  
Term 3 starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Half term ends on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm

#### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to St Barnabas', we look forward to working with you throughout the year. I hope you have all had some opportunities to relax and enjoy the summer break. We are very excited about the year ahead. Staff have been in school for the last two days and been eagerly awaiting their new classes. Most of the children will have visited their new class last term and so they know the teachers. We welcome two new TAs, Harriet (Year 6) and Ayesha (Year 4), I am sure you will get to know them and welcome them to St Barnabas'. Miss Manley (Year 5), Mrs Parlington (Year 3) and Mrs Garrod (Year 6 and Year 4) are returning to St Barnabas'. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any concerns as it is really important that your children feel settled and ready for learning at the start of the year.

#### **Our Value is Friendship**

##### **Term 1 Collective Worship**

13<sup>th</sup> September meet the School Council and the Eco Council  
20<sup>th</sup> September – find out about the topics for the term  
27<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest around the world  
4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1  
11<sup>th</sup> October International  
17<sup>th</sup> October Music Concert FSU Year 1,3 and 5  
18<sup>th</sup> October end of term sharing  
1<sup>st</sup> November – Maths whole school  
8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2  
15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need  
22<sup>nd</sup> November P4C  
29<sup>th</sup> November – Our values  
6<sup>th</sup> December Year 3  
13<sup>th</sup> December – KS21 Christmas  
19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**New School Meal Price:** Food and More have advised us that the price of a school meal will be increasing to **£2.20** per meal for children in years 3 -6 from September. This is the first price increase since October 2014. School Meals are still free for all children in Foundation stage and key stage 1.

**Building Work:** The school was in a total state of disarray throughout the holidays with extensive building work taking place. New ceilings and roofs are in place above the music rooms, the Den, Year 2, the KS1 foyer and After School Club room. Improved heating in the hall. A new office for Debbie. Painted corridors and doors by Bob. Fantastic weeding of the courtyard by Marie and David. There are still some bits to be sorted but by the end of the week we should be straight.

**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. Each week in the newsletter we record the attendance and lateness for each class. Please try and help achieve 100% attendance and 0% lateness.

#### **Dates**

10<sup>th</sup> October - International Evening 6pm-7:30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> December - Panto

**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>

**Questionnaire:** Thank you for your responses – they will be discussed at the first Governor meeting in September and then they will decide how to follow up. If you have any concerns please make a time to discuss with the class teacher or make an appointment through the office to speak to me.

### **Drumbeats – Drumming Lessons**

DrumBeats is running drum & rhythm shortcourses at your school. This will be a basic introduction to rhythm in music and drumkit drumming and is open to children in years 2 to 6. . If you are interested in taking part please collect a form from the school office.

### **'Speak out. Stay safe'**

Following our visit from the NSPCC here are some useful sites:

[nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/](http://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/)

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> A guide to social networks.

Stay up to date in the digital world –run by the NSPCC

Filters on home computers are key but please bear in mind they may still find/see inappropriate material. Phones also need protection O2 will show you how to protect your phone for free instore.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Really useful site for parents and children to learn about saying safe online.

Children are told : never give out personal details, never arrange to meet anyone through online sites, always tell a trusted adult if they see something they know is wrong and that they won't be in trouble for doing that.

**Yours sincerely**

**Fiona Hawkins  
Headteacher**