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*We are a global community, learning and growing together.*

**Monday, 20 November 2017**

### PTA

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Fair 1:30pm to 4pm  
Disco 6pm to 7:30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
KS1 Nativity – Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

### Term Dates

#### 2017 -2018

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**  
The second half of term starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Term ends on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm

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

Parent Consultations if you did not manage to speak to the class teacher please make an appointment.

### **Wednesday Collective Worship**

15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need and Anti bullying – Thank you Mrs Donaghey, School Council and Year 6.  
22<sup>nd</sup> November P4C RE  
29<sup>th</sup> November – Our values  
6<sup>th</sup> December Year 3  
12<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity at St Barnabas' Church  
13<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas  
19<sup>th</sup> December Music Concert Year 2,4 and 6.

### **Thursday Collective Worship**

On Thursday, the clergy from St Barnabas' Church lead worship. The worship is linked to the church calendar and to the value. The worship on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November will be about Christ the King.

**KS1 Playground Development:** The children have all had a chance to enjoy the wonderful play equipment. It looks amazing and the children are delighted. To me it looks like a wonderful art installation. We think it deserves a name – please give in your ideas to the office, we have had one suggestion Wood Henge.

**Questionnaire:** several people responded on their Questionnaire that they did not know enough about their child and how they are progressing in school. I really hope you have used Parent Consultations to gain the information you need. If you require more information staff will happily follow up any issues.

**Our value is Responsibility**

### **Weekly Attendance Data**

#### **Weekly number of children late per class:**

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 1  
Year 1: 3  
Year 2: 1  
Year 3: 5  
Year 4: 2  
Year 5: 0 (Well done)  
Year 6: 0 (Well done)

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.

#### **Whole School Attendance: 97.2%**

We aim to achieve a minimum of 95% attendance each week, however we would like this to improve and for the school 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](mailto: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.

**School Photos:** Please return your order form and payment to the school office by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Healthy Snacks at break time:** fruit is the ideal snack at break time.

### Dates

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Textile Collection.  
If you want to start saving items to bring in.  
Further information is available at  
[www.ragtexschools.co.uk](http://www.ragtexschools.co.uk)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Panto  
Children will visit The Oxford Playhouse during  
the school day. The panto is Jack & The  
Beanstalk.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Nasal Flu Vaccination  
in school for children in F1, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4.

**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>

### Have you remembered?

- If you are dropping forms off at the  
office, there is no need to queue-  
don't forget that you can use our  
secure mailbox (just to the left of  
reception).  
The box is checked daily at around  
10am.

**Christmas Lunch:** Our School Christmas Dinner will  
be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and letters were  
sent home last week.

The cost of the meal is £2.20 for children in Key  
stage 2- (all Key stage 1 children receive a free  
school meal)

There is a choice of Turkey or Festive Quorn roast  
with all the trimmings and Ice cream Christmas  
stars for dessert.

If you would like your child to take part in the  
Christmas dinner, you must return the reply slip,  
stating your meal preference by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
November.

Even if your child normally has a school meal, as  
our kitchen need to order the correct amount for  
all children requiring a meal.

Children who would rather have a packed lunch  
on this day will eat this in the hall with the other  
children as normal and will be part of the  
celebration.

**Nasal Flu vaccinations** for children in F1, Y1, Y2, Y3  
& Y4. Permission forms were sent home last week.  
Please be aware that the School Health Team  
have only supplied one form per child and we  
therefore do not have any spare to replace any  
which are lost.

**Children in Need:** Thank you to School Council for  
organising our Children in Need Fundraising. Lots of  
very snugly looking children arrived at school on  
Friday.

**Exciting NEW PTA news:** Please help support our  
PTA by registering with easyfundraising and doing  
your shopping online.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything  
online from your weekly shop to your annual  
holiday you could be collecting free donations for  
St Barnabas Primary School PTA Oxford?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board  
ready to make a donation, including Amazon,  
John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, TESCOS and  
Sainsbury's and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbarnabasprimaryschoolpta-oxford/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to  
easyfundraising site first to find the site you want or  
use the link above and save it to your favourites  
and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will  
make a donation to your good cause for no extra  
cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St  
Barnabas Primary School PTA Oxford will be really  
grateful for your donations.

Family and friends in the UK can also register if they  
want to support our school. Both parents can  
register too if you have different email addresses.

If you have any questions, please see Thao.

Thank you for your support.

St Barnabas Primary School PTA



### **Christmas Fair**



This will be the third year that the children,  
staff and PTA have run the Christmas Fair  
together.

We always have a wonderful selection of  
stalls run by families, groups of children,  
groups of parents and classes. We will be  
sending out slips this week for you to fill in  
and let us know if you want to run a stall.  
We already have a group in Year 5 who will  
run the Mocktail stall, which is always  
popular. I have started getting the raffle  
boxes ready. There are so many talented  
people so please think about running a stall.  
The Fair will start at 1.30pm and finish at 4pm.  
Throughout the afternoon during school time  
the children will have a chance to visit the  
fair and spend their money. We usually  
suggest children bring no more than £5.00.  
Class teachers will explain it to the new  
children. We all enjoy seeing the children  
independently shopping with their money  
and making decisions about what they want  
to buy.

**Yours sincerely**

**Fiona Hawkins**  
**Headteacher**