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

**Monday, 06 November 2017**

### PTA

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Fair 1-30pm – 4pm and  
Disco 6pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
KS1 Nativity – Mulled Wine and 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

Half term ends on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

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

I am sorry I was not there on Tuesday to welcome you back to school but I was on a course but I know Mrs Donaghey enjoyed greeting you all. This week we will be having the church inspection known as SIAMS – the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Mr Ian Lewis is the Inspector.

### **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.

1<sup>st</sup> November – Maths whole school – thank you to Year 1,2,3 and 4 for sharing your maths work.

Wonderful shape pictures from Year 1, great counting from Year 2, number sentences from Year 3 and a fun counting game from Year 4

8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2

15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need and Anti bullying

22<sup>nd</sup> November P4C

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.

2<sup>nd</sup> November the theme will be Remembrance.

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

### **Weekly Attendance Data**

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

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 0 (Well Done)

Year 1: 0 (Well Done)

Year 2: 1

Year 3: 1

Year 4: 0 (Well Done)

Year 5: 1

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: 96.1%**

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.

**Our value is Responsibility**

### Dates

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Individual Photos

**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. Letters will be sent home shortly to all parents from F1-Y6.

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

**KS1 Playground Development:** St Barnabas' is so lucky to have so many amazing families that work tirelessly to support the school in so many different ways. The equipment that has been added to KS1 playground is way beyond our expectations. Mrs Tanja Fletcher did an amazing job sourcing the company. I was explaining to Year 6 it is a difficult business getting the right the equipment. This company is very imaginative and we only got a pencil drawing but we are beyond delighted with the quality of their work. It was a joy watching the process last week. Thank you to all our families that have made this wonderful addition possible and for all your endless fund raising. The equipment will be used by all the school. The KS1 children will use it for Forest School and playtime and we will ensure KS2 have access during the week.

**Get to know the Governors:** I hope you are getting to know the Governors. They are happy to discuss any issues you may have.

**After School:** Can I remind all parents that after school parents/carers are responsible for the well-being of their children. Thank you for your support. Could I also request that children do not use their scooters or bikes in the playground after school, we have had several near misses.

**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>

**Online resources:** Many of the teachers use online resources to support learning in the classroom. These resources are an investment the school makes every year as we feel they provide an opportunity to work on different skills in an interactive way at home and at school.

### Have you remembered?

- To return your booking forms for ASC? If not please return to the school office as soon as possible.
- To return your booking forms for Sports Club, Chess Club or Girls Football Club? There are places available at these after school clubs, please return your form to secure your child's place.
- Panto permission slips must be returned to the school office by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Payment notification has been sent via ParentMail +Pay or you can pay via cash or cheque at the office. Please make cheques payable to O.C.C. Thank you.

### **Message from Mrs Donaghey:**

Some children in Year 6 have been talking about being online and chatting via 'Hangout' This has involved children joining the group but also being deleted from the group. Some children have been upset by this and feel left out. Please could you remind your child that they should all be careful how they treat each other online and to treat others carefully. Thank you.

Please refer to the following for advice

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

and <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher