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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 04 December 2017

PTA

Friday 8th December
Christmas Fair 1:30pm – 4pm
Disco 6pm – 7:30pm

Tuesday 12th December
KS1 Nativity
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Term Dates

2017 -2018

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**

The second half of term starts on Tuesday 5th June

Term ends on Tuesday 24th July at **1.30pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all looking forward to Friday – the Christmas Fair and the school disco. If you want a table please return a form or speak to the office.

Wednesday Collective Worship

29th November – Our values

I was so impressed with how the children expressed the importance of the value and how proud they are when they model it.

6th December Year 3

12th December KS1 Nativity at St Barnabas' Church

13th December – KS2 Christmas

19th 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 7th December to be about Advent.

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

Our value is Peace

Textile collection:

Thank you to everyone that sent in items.

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 four names now Wood Henge, Busy Bee's Hive, The Web of Wonder and Chestnut

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 2

Year 1: 8

Year 2: 4

Year 3: 6

Year 4: 5

Year 5: 2

Year 6: 2

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: 96.2%

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). 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.

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>

Dates

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

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

Wednesday 13th December: School Christmas Lunch.

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, TESCO 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

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 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 have a wide range of stalls so hopefully you will be able to do some Christmas shopping. There will also be some tables with activities so everyone should have a good time.

A sustainable cookie company - Chirrup Foods - is going to have a stall at the Christmas Fair. They make gluten, dairy and refined sugar free cookie's using sustainable cricket flour. They are hygienically and freshly baked in a commercial bakery. They are healthy treats made using wholesome ingredients but taste just like normal cookies.

Ayesha (TA in Year 4) will be selling delicious curry straight from the kitchen (parents, come hungry!)

Giuseppe, Nino's dad (Year 1) will be selling his own Sicilian olive oil - perfect for all the Christmas cooking, or as a present.

Anna, Jess and Isobel's mum (FSU and Year 2) will bring some samples of her beautiful new cushion designs.

Forest School jumpers and T-shirts will be on sale

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. The raffle will be called on Monday in assembly, tickets will be on sale at the disco.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher