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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

PTA

Thank you to our fabulous PTA for the Christmas Fair and the Disco. Everyone was so generous and supportive.

Please remember on
Tuesday 12th December
KS1 Nativity

Please bring Mince Pies and enjoy mulled wine after the service.

Term Dates

2017 -2018

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,

Thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas Fair. All the wonderful stalls, the selection of cakes was amazing and the craft items. Thank you for your generous donations.

Wednesday Collective Worship

6th December Year 3, what a lovely start to the day to listen to Twas the Night Before Christmas.

12th December KS1 Nativity at St Barnabas' Church

13th December – KS2 Christmas

14th December FSU Christmas Concert

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 14th December will be about Advent and Saint Lucy.

Our value is Peace

Dates

Wednesday 13th December: School Christmas Lunch.

Thursday 14th December: FSU Christmas Concert at 10.20am

Friday 15th December: wear a seasonal jumper for Save the Children and watch a film in the afternoon.

Monday 18th December: Year 6 to A Christmas Carol

Monday 18th December: Christmas Parties in the afternoon. Look out for the sign up sheet for party food.

Thursday 4th January: BACK TO SCHOOL

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 2

Year 1: 3

Year 2: 4

Year 3: 2

Year 4: 4

Year 5: 13

Year 6: 1

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: 93.9%

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.

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

Eco Status: For the sixth time we have achieved the Green Flag Eco status. I want to thank all the children that work so hard to support our Eco initiatives. Our Eco Warriors– Jude, Drew, Jose, Ali and Cade. Our Recycle Squad – Hugo, Jasper, Mia, Jiarui, Aditya, William, Maximus, Alex, Livio and Yusof. Our Litter Pickers Aditya, Jairui, Livio and Hugo.

Our Food Waste Team Greta, Mia, Salvador, Cordie, Marcel, Hermione, Lilah, Isabel and Luca. These children give up their time to help the school
THANK YOU.

The Eco Assessor was impressed with the children she met and the commitment they had made to the school.

Thank you for being so understanding about the snow. It is always a difficult decision to make and I delayed making it as long as possible. Today the children have been very patient and have waited until the end of the day to go out to play.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher



Christmas is Coming!

We will be having a School cinema session on Friday 15th December to raise money for the Save the Children fund.

Please bring donations of popcorn or other snacks to the foyer next week and remind children to bring a pound (or more!) and to wear festive jumpers.