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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 08 January 2018

PTA

Thursday 1st March – Movie Night

Thank you again to everyone that supported all the events last term and thank you to the PTA Committee for ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Term Dates

2017 -2018

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**

2018-2019

School starts on Thursday 6th September.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back – I hope you have had a good holiday and some restful time with your families. The children have settled quickly back into school. We are delighted to have Mrs Pogose working in the school again this time she is in Year 6 and will be working on a Thursday and Friday.

Our value is Curiosity

Collective Worship

10th January RE Year 2, Year 4, Year 6

17th January FSU

24th January Year 4

31st January Year 2

7th February Art

Thursday Collective Worship

Collective Worship on Thursday, is led by the clergy from St Barnabas' Church. The theme on 11th January is the Baptism of our Lord.

Yenworthy: A meeting after school for information on Wednesday 10th at 3pm. This trip is such a wonderful experience and the leaders at the centre are excellent.

Write-a-thon: This term, as a way of focusing on and celebrating writing, we will be having a whole school Write-a-thon. Every child will be set five writing tasks by their teacher (one a week) covering different genres of writing, including a letter, a piece of writing based on a map, a poem/song/jingle or rap, instructions and a fiction or non-fiction book. In KS2 the children will complete their writing at home and in KS1 the children will need to discuss their writing at home ready to complete their work in school. Each child will have a Write-a-thon booklet which they will need to get signed by their teacher when they have completed their writing. Each week, there will be opportunities to share the homework task in class as well as the writing being displayed in the school and shared in assembly. When your child has completed all the tasks, they will have the opportunity to take part in a golden afternoon. Children who are unable to do their writing at home will have the opportunity to complete the tasks in school.

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 0 (well done)

Year 1: 1

Year 2: 1

Year 3: 0 (well done)

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: 91.96%

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.

New lunch Menu: The new lunch menu will start on Monday 15th January. We will be starting on week 3. A copy of the new menu was sent to every class last week and sent home via ParentMail.

For this week's school dinner we are on week 2.

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?

- To sign up for After School Club? Please return your booking forms to the office for this term.
- After School Activity Clubs: Spaces still available at Sports Club, Chess & Girls Football.

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

Yours sincerely

**Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher**