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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 18 September 2017

Book Bags = £3.00

Gym Bags = £2.50

St Barnabas' P.E T-Shirt's = £5.00
Sizes available are 5-6, 7-8 & 9-11

Swimming Hats = £2.00

These are all available to purchase from the school office.

Term Dates

2017 -2018 Starts on Wednesday 6th September
Half term ends on Friday 20th October at **3pm**
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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have all quickly settled into the school routines. Thank you for the prompt start to school day. We were visited by the Safeguarding team last week and they felt the single point of entry made the school much safer: thank you for your support. I have enjoyed hearing from parents how pupils are getting on in their new secondary school. Please remind them about the get together Mrs Donaghey has organised at the end of September.

Roald Dahl was great fun last week and how exciting for Marc, Coco and Rufus to get a golden ticket there were two other golden tickets but I am not sure if they have been found.

Some wonderful outfits were worn, Mrs Cox's BFG feet were rather a frightening sight!

Our value is Friendship

Term 1 Collective Worship

20th September – find out about the topics for the term
27th September - Harvest around the world – we will be collecting for the local community food bank.

This year we will be supporting the Oxford food bank. The food bank came to talk to the children in assembly today and explained they do not need donations of food but they need money donations.

The food bank collect food from wholesalers and supermarkets that would be thrown away. The money then pays for the vans and the storage centre. The food bank has two main aims – to reduce food waste in Oxford and to reduce food poverty in the local community. We will have collection buckets available on 27th September for the children to make their donations.

4th October – Year 1

11th October International

17th October Music Concert FSU Year 1,3 and 5

18th October end of term sharing

1st November – Maths whole school

8th November – Year 2

15th November – Children in Need

22nd November P4C

29th November – Our values

6th December Year 3

13th December – KS21 Christmas

19th December Music Concert Year 2,4 and 6.

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.

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

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

Year 1: 2

Year 2: 0 (Well done)

Year 3: 3

Year 4: 2

Year 5: 2

Year 6: 3

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: 97.6%

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>

Textile collection on 29th November : If you want to start saving items to bring in. If you want any further info the website is www.ragtexschools.co.uk

School Dinners are now £2.20 per meal and are payable in advance for children in years 3-6. All children in Key stage 1 are still entitled to free school meals.

If your child is in years 3-6 and you believe that you may be entitled to free school meals, please obtain a form and details of eligibility from the office.

We are in the process of transferring our dinner accounts over to the new academic year and we will not be able to update any dinner accounts this week. We will let you know when the process is complete and you can check the accurate up to date balance. You are still able to pay dinner money into your account on line during the transfer process, or by cash or cheque via the office.

Dates

Tuesday 10th October – International Evening 6pm-7:30pm

Monday 13th November – Individual Photos. **Please note that this date has been changed since last week's newsletter.**

Monday 4th December - Panto

Questionnaire: October 4th at 3pm representatives from Food with More the managers of our school dinners will be available to meet with parents and discuss the menu options. They will be in the playground. More details nearer the time.

Violin and Cello lessons: I have places available for new beginners on cello or violin. These are normally group lessons 3-4 at the cost of £6.49 per 20min. I am also happy to teach a shared lesson - 2 pupils at the price of £9.49 or individual lesson at the cost of £18.49 per 20min. The prices are set by the Oxfordshire Music Service. Any interested parents should contact the Music Service directly via phone or email available on the website: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/learning-instrument>

Parents can also contact me directly on:

Tatiana.Judycka@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Internet Safety

'Speak out. Stay safe'

Following our visit from the NSPCC here are some useful sites:

nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> A guide to social networks.

Stay up to date in the digital world –run by the NSPCC

Filters on home computers are key but please bear in mind they may still find/see inappropriate material.

Phones also need protection O2 will show you how to protect your phone for free instore.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Really useful site for parents and children to learn about saying safe online.

Children are told : never give out personal details, never arrange to meet anyone through online sites, always tell a trusted adult if they see something they know is wrong and that they won't be in trouble for doing that.

We have some children who have told us they have seen films and played or watched games rated 15 or above.

They have told us they don't like it.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher