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*We are a global community, learning and growing together.*  
**Monday, 25 June 2018**

### PTA

**School Fete:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 12-3pm  
Lots of people are already working behind the scenes to get this organised. Watch out for Blanka's emails to see how you can get involved.  
Start collecting books, toys and plants. Would you like to run a stall?  
**Parent Communication Meeting:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm in the ICT room.

### Term Dates

**2017 -2018**  
Term ends on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at **1.30pm**  
**2018-2019**  
School starts on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.  
Half term ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at **3pm**  
The second half of term starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Term ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at **1:30pm**  
Term 2 starts 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Half term ends 15<sup>th</sup> February at **3pm**  
The second half of term starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Term ends on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at **1.30pm**

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

A busy time of year and apologies for some incorrect dates. If in doubt please check at the office. Please note the Year 6 play is now being performed **on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

#### Collective Worship

20<sup>th</sup> June – Run Jericho wonderful to hear the Run Jericho stories. Thank you to all the adults, ex pupils and families that make it possible each year. An extraordinary amount of work for a wonderful event.  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Morning – Red and Black team races, Year 6 leavers race and FSU races. No assembly. The event should start at 9.20am  
4<sup>th</sup> July – P4C  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Class and personal achievements throughout the year.  
**17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 play at 6pm - new date**  
18<sup>th</sup> July – Thank you and Goodbye  
**19<sup>th</sup> July Drumming Concert – new date**  
24<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Assembly

#### Thursday Collective Worship

Collective Worship on Thursday, is led by the clergy from St Barnabas' Church.  
Themes  
28<sup>th</sup> June The Apostles  
5<sup>th</sup> July St Martin  
12<sup>th</sup> July St Benedict and St Scholastica  
23<sup>rd</sup> Leaver's Service at church at 1pm.

**Plants for KS1:** We are trying to develop the area at the back of KS1. If you have any perennials or shrubs you could donate that would be wonderful. The soil is not great and the area is in full sun.

**Parent Meetings:** Class Reps are going to be playing a key role in improving communication in year groups next year. Each rep is going to set up an email group. It is your choice if you join but it will help you keep in the loop with school events. Thank you to everyone that has stepped forward to be a rep.

### **Weekly Attendance Data**

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

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

Year 1: 0 (well done)

Year 2: 8

Year 3: 1

Year 4: 2

Year 5: 3

Year 6: 4

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: 95.11%**

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.

**Prayer Spaces:** St Barnabas' Church ran Prayer Spaces last week. The After School Area was turned into a blissfully calm place where the children were able to think and reflect. Lovely activities such as writing messages with invisible ink to keep them private and to say sorry, soothing balls in water to feel while you are thinking and wonderful scratch boards for the children to share what they were thankful for. Thank you to the members of St Barnabas' Church for leading this.

**Our value is Thankfulness**

**The fete: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** This is a wonderful event from 12-3pm when families and the community can spend time together. Traditionally we have a bookstall, toy stall, plant stall, a raffle, stalls run by the children and then an endless variety that changes every year. For the second year running we are having a very exciting bouncy castle and we are having the 'speedometer challenge'. Sasi is providing Thai food and I am hoping that lots of our parents who are amazing cooks will share savoury and sweet food for us to enjoy at lunchtime. We will have a BBQ and bar. Drinks and snacks will be available and ice-creams.

A flyer has been sent home to ask if you would like to run a stall just like the Christmas Fair, these stalls are always popular as they provide a huge variety. If you are good at face painting, nail painting, henna painting please share your talents. Blanka is emailing everyone and sending out a flyer. Please ask me at the gate if you have any questions. The more people that get involved the more fun the fete will be for everyone.

Oh just to remind you there is the setting up beforehand and the clearing up but if we all work together it doesn't take long! Thank you. Hopefully these events provide a fun social time as well as supporting the school through raising additional money.

THANK YOU



**Festival of Voices:** What a joy to sit in the audience and listen to the children sing. So proud of our children who were well prepared by Mrs Garrod and Miss Manley.



### The story of the Football Kits:

Several years ago Sophie and Imogen now in Year 6 requested a St Barnabas' Football Kit. For a few years I managed to persuade them to wear T Shirts or old kit that we had in school but in Year 6 they came again and asked. Feeling guilty that it obviously meant so much I said they had to find a kit and price it up and the school would support them but they would also have to raise some funds.

They found a kit – we then checked other companies and decided it was reasonable value so we went ahead and purchased two kits one for Year 5 and one for Year 6. 16 football shirts and 2 goalie shirts plus they would all have the school logo on. The girls with Year 6 agreed to have a cake sale after the May Dancing to help fund the purchase – they know the budget is tight!. The children raised £126.00 with the cake sale and covered nearly half the cost of the kit. At the last PTA meeting it was decided that other classes would like the kit and would like to wear them for the Aristotle cup. So now we have ordered an additional 5 kits – one for each year group from FSU – Year 6 and then we agreed to a further 3 kits for our girls' teams. We will have ten kits!

Worcester College Ball Committee has a Fund that supports local communities and they have donated a considerable amount of money which has covered the cost of 3 kits – we are hugely grateful for this. Some parents in Year 1 have chosen to donate so they are covering the Year 1 kit. All of you are supporting it through the PTA/Run Jericho funds and you are providing an additional two kits. The remaining two kits are being supported by the sale of ice creams, after school which is being managed, by Thao and Blanka and of course all of you for buying them. If people would like to make donations they would be gratefully received.

Ellie has been ordering the kit and is determined we keep them safe and we have a record of them. This is a huge investment but I know the children will feel very proud when they wear them at the Aristotle Cup event on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. I loved the event last year as so many children from St Barnabas' took part. Thank you to the year group managers for preparing the teams.



### Dates:

26<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 and Year 2 to Woburn  
 26<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 to Sutton Courtney Environmental Centre  
 27<sup>th</sup> June Red and Black sports event for KS1 and KS2 and FSU races 9.20am onwards  
 5<sup>th</sup> July KS1 and KS2 track events  
 6<sup>th</sup> July Transition for some of Year 6 and whole school transition at 11 am  
 8<sup>th</sup> July Aristotle Cup  
 9<sup>th</sup> July transition in school 11 am.  
 12<sup>th</sup> July – Hill End Year 1 and FSU  
 14<sup>th</sup> July School Fete  
**17<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 play change of date**

**Ice-Cream Sale:** Thao & Blanka will be selling ice-creams after school on Wednesday and Friday this week to raise money towards the football kits.

**Yours sincerely**

**Fiona Hawkins  
 Headteacher**