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*We are a global community, learning and growing together.*

**Monday, 15 October 2018**

### PTA

**We have** some Run Jericho T Shirts if you need them for PE. We also have some jogging bottoms and hoodies that would be ideal for PE outside. We have lots in age 5 – 6 years. Please ask at the office.

Prices T Shirt - £5.00  
Jogging bottoms- £8.00  
Hoodies - £10.00

**Our value is Respect  
We show respect for our  
friends by being:  
kind, thoughtful,  
understanding, trustworthy,  
reliable.....**

### **Dear Families,**

Thank you so much to everyone that made International Evening so special. It is a celebration of the school's diversity. I thought the children that greeted us from around the world did so well. Thank you to Willy for his wonderful performance on the piano. Thank you to Liat and Harriet. Thank you to all the staff for working with the children on their songs. Thank you to Ayesha for choreographing the dance. Thank you to Mrs Garrod for co-ordinating the music. Several of you missed the drums but Shake Rattle and Roll are no more. Thank you to all the families that attended and the wonderful food that was shared in the classrooms.

**Donating to school:** If you would like to help, we are currently trying to buy class sets of novels, each class in KS2 will read at least 4 novels together during the year. A set of books cost approximately £192.00. Ideally, we want the same version of the novel so we have added a donation box to ParentMail +Pay for books. It is a voluntary contribution, I will let you know about the books we purchase with the money raised. The focus area will be KS2, but all children will experience the books by the time they have left the school.

If this works well we will either continue it for books or change the focus each term. Please remember this is voluntary.

**End of the day:** Last week I had staff looking for children as changes had been made about where they were going at the end of the day and school had not been informed. I cannot stress how important it is that we are informed about any changes at the end of the day.

**Police:** The Community Support Officers will be popping in at the end of the day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. Please chat to them as they are keen to work with the local community.

**Chinese visit:** I was very lucky to meet with a group of Chinese teachers and educationalists. The head teacher came from Beijing and has a school with over 1,000 children of primary school age. She also told me how they are regularly checked by the state. One of our new pupils from Year 6 who has come from China came and spoke to them and told them about how he is coping at St Barnabas'. I was also showed a wonderful photo of the children in the school who have a special ceremony when they are aged 5/6 and they get their pen to write with. A further treat was that the person translating was an ex parent whose child used to attend St Barnabas'.

**PTA AGM: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Nursery – children can play in the FSU garden.**

Please can I remind everyone we are a **nut and seed free school**. Please respect this for all events – cake sales, International Evening, Fete, birthday treats etc. Thank you. We have successfully managed this for 3 years as we have all worked together and I know we will continue to do so.

### **Family Collective Worship**

On Wednesday you are welcome to join us in the hall for Collective Worship. Children share work and we celebrate achievements in work in the Silver Book for and for kind acts to the school community the children are in the Gold Book. When it is your child's birthday they come out to the front and we sing Happy Birthday.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October International Theme – lovely to hear all the children perform their songs again.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October Music concert for at 9.15am for FSU Year 1, Year 3. Year 5.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October Meet the School Council and our Eco teams

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Maths

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November Year 5

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November Charity- Children in Need

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Philosophy for Children P4C

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November Year 4

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Year 3

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Yenworthy Year 6

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Music Concert 9.15am for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Christmas

### Dates

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 to Yenworthy  
**Parent Consultations from 12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

We usually have the consultations for a week but Year 6 will be away so we have extended the time to two weeks. Staff, when they have decided on their specific days will let you know at the start of next term so you can sign up for a consultation. Staff are always very obliging and will find an alternative time if you cannot make the slots given.

KS1 Nativity at St Barnabas' Church Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December wear a Christmas Jumper to school and raise money for Save the Children.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December Panto at Oxford Playhouse

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Parties

### Thursday Collective Worship

**Thursday Collective Worship is led by St Barnabas' Church**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October the theme is St Luke

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November the theme is All Saints

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November the theme is Remembrance

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November the theme is St Martin of Tours

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November the theme is St Cecilia

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November the theme is Advent

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December the theme is St Nicholas

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December the theme is St Lucy

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December the theme is Time

### Term Dates 2018-2019

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 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Term ends Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm

The second half of term starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Term 2 ends on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Half term ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm

Inset day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Term starts on 4<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 ends on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm

Term starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019



### HELP PREVENT LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY EMERGENCIES

List of allergens in our school:

Kiwi

Peanuts

Sesame Seeds

Tree Nuts

Pupils come to school with diverse medical conditions, some serious and even life threatening, that can impact their learning and their health. Exposure to an allergen can create an emergency situation where the pupil faces life-threatening anaphylaxis within moments.

An allergic reaction begins when an allergen comes in to contact with the mucous membrane of a predisposed person. This can be by eating, inhaling, or by rubbing the mouth, nose, eyes, or a cut with traces of an allergen on their hands.

Currently there is no cure for food allergies and strict avoidance is the only way to prevent a reaction. Protecting a person from exposure to offending allergens is the most important way to prevent life-threatening anaphylaxis. Avoidance of exposure to allergens is the key to preventing a reaction.

The risk of accidental exposure or cross-contamination is always present. Most anaphylactic reactions that occur in schools are due to food allergies. School is a high-risk setting for accidental contact with a food allergen, due to such factors as allergens in packed lunches or in food brought in for celebratory events that could result in accidental ingestion or contamination of tables, desks, and other surfaces.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing vigilance of not bringing allergens in to school and for creating and maintaining a healthy, safe, and inclusive school.

### Trips and Visits

Our office staff are working very hard to support the efficient running of the school and to assist parents with queries and requests promptly. We are spending a lot of time chasing outstanding permission slips for trips and visits, which takes us away from other tasks. **Please help us by returning permission slips for school trips promptly.** Children are unable to attend trips and visits without permission from a Parent or Carer.

Trips and visits during school hours are funded by voluntary contributions. No child will be excluded from an activity because parents are unable to pay. This does however mean that if insufficient contributions are raised, the trip in question, or future trips may have to be cancelled. *Please help us by making any voluntary contributions promptly.* this will enable us to make timely decisions on the viability of running the trip and will again reduce the need for our staff to spend time requesting contributions from those who have not paid.

I am aware that many parents regularly return payments and permission slips promptly which we really do appreciate.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Hawkins