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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 04 March 2019

Run Jericho

Thank you to everyone who is supporting Run Jericho. It is a huge event that has helped raise money for the school and has really made difference. There is a meeting this week for all those involved.

Dear Families,

Welcome to new families. If you wish to be on the class email list, ask the class teacher to direct you to the class rep. Being part of the email list can be really useful for reminders and support.

I am sure you have heard in the news about the problems many families have getting secondary places. It is a difficult time. However, we are here to support you and offer support and guidance. I would advise reading the information you are given carefully and acting on it promptly. There are set timings and that can be frustrating. The children will find it unsettling but I know you are all amazing at supporting your children. Please know we are here for you at this unsettling time.

Last week Newts won the trophy. Well done!



Allergy Reminder

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. Please remember that selection boxes of sweets often contain nuts.

Donations

Last term we were able to purchase class sets of books for KS2 from donations via ParentMail +Pay. Thank you so much. This term if you wish to donate we will be acquiring new items for FSU. The PTA have also request a donate button for the library and for fruit for KS2. Thank you for the donations we have received so far.

Our value is Resilience

Lateness and attendance

Thank you to families for speaking to me about lateness and taking the matter seriously. The office and class teachers really appreciate everyone being here on time.

Father Christopher Woods

On Thursday 28th I attended the Induction and Installation service for Father Christopher. It was a very special event with the clergy and the community welcoming him to St Barnabas'. I am sure you will get to meet him soon. The children will see him on Thursday when we attend the Ash Wednesday service! During the service the Bishop of Oxford talked about St Barnabas' being a great encourager and I think that value is so important to St Barnabas' School.

Family Collective Worship

On Wednesday, you are welcome to join us in the hall for Collective Worship.

27th February P4C Thank you Miss Manley for continually finding excellent resources to help us critically think about the world. Some excellent questions were raised.
6th March World Book Day – dress up as a book character

13th March – No Collective Worship

13th March Year 3 Assembly - this will now happen on Thursday 14th March please note the change.

20th March Year 1

27th March Curriculum Event – Topic This is an opportunity for you to attend the assembly and then visit all the classes and see topic work in action. The event will finish at 10.30am.

3rd April Year 2

Thursday Collective Worship

Thursday Collective Worship is led by St Barnabas' Church

7th March Ash Wednesday in Church

21st March Lady Day

28th March Mothering Sunday

4th April Passions and Palms

Term Dates 2018-2019

Term 2 ends on Friday 5th April at 1.30pm

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 23rd April

Half term ends on Friday 24th May at 3pm

INSET day Monday 3rd June.

The second half of term 3 starts on Tuesday 4th June

Term 3 ends on Tuesday 23rd July at 1.30pm

2019-2020

Term 1 starts on Wednesday 4th September 2019

Half term ends Friday 25th October

Term second half of term 1 begins Tuesday 5th November the 4th is an INSET day
Term 1 ends on Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm
Term 2 starts on Monday 6th January
Half term ends on Friday 14th February at 3 pm
The second half of term 2 starts on Monday 24th February
Term 2 ends on Friday 3rd April at 1.30pm
Term 3 starts on Monday 20th April
The half term ends on Friday 22nd May at 3 pm
The second half of term 3 starts on Tuesday 2nd June
Monday 1st is an INSET day.
The term ends on Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 1.30pm

School events

Parent Consultations are during the week of the 11th - 15th March
Class Teachers put signup sheets outside the classroom. Please sign up it is a really important to make time for these meetings.

Hill End – Forest School

28th February Year 5 and Year 1
Sadly, the weather was not as sunny as it was on Wednesday but the staff and children and our wonderful parents had a good time.
28th March Year 6 and Year 1
23rd May Year 3 and Year 1
11th July FSU – Reception and Year 1
We love having parent helpers so we thought we would let you know in advance when the trips to Hill End are taking place.

School Information

Where to go in the mornings.
KS2 pupils enter via the outside classroom door.
KS1 children enter via the KS1 door which is located in the back playground with the wooden climbing frame.
Year 1 children enter and then go straight ahead – out the doors, down the steps in the courtyard and then turn right into the door that leads into Year 1.
Reception (F1) and Nursery children enter via Hart Street entrance.
If you have a KS1 and KS2 child, it is easier to drop the KS2 child off first and then go to KS1. If you have a Reception (F1)/Nursery child and KS1 child, you can come in via the Reception (F1)/Nursery class entrance and then take your child to KS1 and leave via the KS1 entrance.

How can you help our lovely office staff?

Send children in with water bottles – don't drop them off during the day.
Send children in with their packed lunch – don't drop them off during the day.
Sort out your child's end of day arrangements before they come to school – don't ring the office and get the office to inform you child/children what is happening.
Come in on time – so the office staff do not need to deliver your child to class.
Return permission slips promptly – so office staff do not have to follow up.
Send payments in a timely manner – so the office staff do not need to send reminders.
Obviously in exceptional circumstances we understand but the office are being disturbed at least ten times a day with things they should not be doing.
Thank you for your support.
Please remember you can use the post box on the wall by the office to drop in any payments permissions etc.
THANK YOU

Bookfair

Many thanks to the parents and children that helped run the Bookfair. Thanks also to everyone who purchased the books as the school gets a percentage of the money raised in books for school. This is a valuable extra source of books.

Missing micro scooter

A 3 wheeled, black and silver micro scooter with black hand grips was left in the courtyard over the half term break and is now missing. If anyone knows where it might be or may have taken it home by mistake, please let the office know.

Warm regards

F.J. Hawkins

Fiona Hawkins



HELP PREVENT LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY EMERGENCIES

List of allergens in our school:

Kiwi
Peanuts
Sesame Seeds
Tree Nuts

Students 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 student 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.