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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

### **The Fete**

We will need items for sale at the fete. Toys in good condition, nearly new children's clothes in good condition, books suitable for children. Wine for the bar, homemade nut free cakes. Please leave in foyer on Friday or bring in on Saturday morning. Thank you so much.

Dear Families,

PTA – the difference it has made to St Barnabas'

The PTA has been amazing, and I wanted to write something to thank everyone for their contributions. The PTA has created some wonderful events, Open Mic Night, The Fete, Auction of Promises, Christmas Fair, Disco etc. Run Jericho has become an annual community event that only happens because of an amazing team of people.

The school has been provided with so many extras thanks to the PTA. So many parents have given so much to the PTA over the years and I rarely name names as I know so many people do things quietly behind the scenes and it is so easy to leave someone out. So a huge thank you from all of us for your massive contribution.

I thought I would remind you of some of the amazing things the PTA has supported.

Our Library, this was the first big donation from Run Jericho and the PTA. The library is used throughout the year by every child in our school. The PTA has supported a librarian, and new books and created something wonderful. Thank you to Jill, Sally and the Year 6 librarians for keeping it going.

The climbing frames in KS2, and KS1 were purchased by the PTA with money raised by Run Jericho and PTA events. The climbing frames needed to be replaced and the children have been delighted with the replacements and they have been used every day. I was explaining to Year 6 that we have inspections of the equipment and if it is not suitable then it has to be removed and without the PTA and Run Jericho we would not always be able to replace the equipment.

Trips have been supported throughout the years Forest School, the pantomime and special events.

We have been given so much support for IT. Our children have had for the majority of the time really good resources. From laptops, to iPads to chrome books and interactive whiteboards many years ago. The PTA have supported musical events and eco work. Helping with performances and equipment and investing in the solar panels.

I have also tasted so much delicious food prepared for so many different events.

I would like to say thank you for the support you have given our children while I have been head. It is difficult asking sometimes for things and if I had the money in the budget I obviously wouldn't, so thank you for your generosity.

### **Staff leaving**

Some of our staff are very special, they leave and then they return. So we say goodbye but we know it is probably not for ever.

## **Our value is Thankfulness**

Maggie Couling in Nursery and Reception has been with us since I started and has always fitted in seamlessly and has been wonderful covering various absences.

Lorna Campbell who retired in 2015 has kindly come back and supported in Reception and Nursery and again the team are always happy to see her and she knows all the routines.

Sophie Cox has worked with us a TA on several occasions and started helping out in school when she was a very little girl! Again Sophie knows our routines and is able to help us out.

So Maggie, Lorna and Sophie it is goodbye from me but I am sure you will remain part of the school. Thank you for all you have done.

### **Parent Governor**

You should have received your ballot papers and they need to be returned by 10<sup>th</sup> July (sorry about the error in last week's newsletter). We are so lucky to have four candidates and all of them have a great deal to offer the school.

### **Sports**

I really enjoyed watching the children compete on Wednesday. The determination on some of their faces, the bravery of many who find it difficult performing in front of others, those children who fell over or dropped a hat and then picked themselves up and carried on – thank you. The encouragement and support from all the children. The improvement year on year you see with children. The Year 6 performing in their own unique way in the leavers race. Thank you to Mr Cameron and all the staff for making the event possible.

### **Aristotle Cup**

So proud watching so many children representing St Barnabas' at the Aristotle Cup. Watched a very exciting match played by Year 4 and saw Luca and Macky score two amazing goals and Marcel ensure no goals got past him. The Year 2 teams worked tirelessly. So impressed with Miranda in goal telling her team to spread out. Such a wonderful selection of coaches all committed to their teams. Thank you to Blanka and Jon for co-ordinating. I have noticed over the years how much the teams have developed. Thank you to all the loyal parents who turn out to support the event. Hopefully next week I can send you a more detailed report as there were lots of highlights.

### Marcel's scooter

We send a ParentMail home about Marcel's green and black scooter. It has disappeared from the racks by the snake and tortoise. I am sure children sometimes take home the wrong scooter, if this has happened and you realise you have a scooter at home could you send it back to school please.

We need more books please. Our children seem to gobble up books. If you have any of the below that you have finished with and you could donate them, please pop them into the office. Thank you.

- The Secret Garden
- My Naughty Little Sister
- The Enchanted Wood
- The Twits
- The Worst Witch
- Winnie the Pooh
- A Bear called Paddington
- Flat Stanley
- Mr Majeika books
- Mrs Pepperpot Stories
- The Magic Finger
- The Twits
- Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
- Charlotte's Web
- The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
- The Enchanted Horse
- Milly Molly Mandy
- Dick King Smith books
- Michael Morporgo books
- Jill Thomlinson books

### Incidents in school.

Issues do arise between children and staff will sort out the issue. If a situation needs to be followed up, we will speak with families. We would ask parents NOT to address another child about a situation; this can be very upsetting and worrying for a child. Contact the class teacher if you feel anything needs to be followed through.



Last week newts won! Well done.

Children, you are welcome to join Mrs Pogose from 8:45 to 9:00 every Thursday and Friday, until the end of term, in the hall, to do some morning exercise before register. Well done to all the children that participated so brilliantly last week. What a great way to start the day.

### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons available from September during school hours. All ages welcome. Please contact Hannah Maer on 07877168091/hannie\_ross@hotmail.com

### 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. Please remember some sun creams contain peanut oil (often listed as 'arachis hypogea' or 'arachis oil')? Please check if you are sending in sun cream.

### Family Collective Worship

Term 3

10<sup>th</sup> July – What are we proud of?

17<sup>th</sup> July – Thank you and goodbye

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Mrs Hawkins' leaving assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> July Year 6 Leavers

### Thursday Collective Worship

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

Term 3

11<sup>th</sup> July – Saint Benedict

18<sup>th</sup> July – Tour de France

22<sup>nd</sup> July Leavers Service in church for Year 6 – parents are welcome.

### Term Dates 2018-2019

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

### 2019-2020

Term 1 starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Half term ends Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Term second half of term 1 begins Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day

Term 1 ends on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

Term 2 starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Half term ends on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3 pm

The second half of term 2 starts on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Term 2 ends on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.30pm

Term 3 starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

The half term ends on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3 pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June is an INSET day.

The second half of term 3 starts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July is an INSET day.

The term ends on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 1.30pm

### School events

9<sup>th</sup> July – Science Day at Cherwell for Year 6

13<sup>th</sup> July - School Fete

15<sup>th</sup> July – Rock Steady Concert 9am

16<sup>th</sup> July Music Concert Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

17<sup>th</sup> Jul Drumming Concert 2pm

19<sup>th</sup> July Year 3 Cotswold Wildlife trip

### Hill End – Forest School

Marie thank you for leading this and ensuring the classes have such fun at Hill End.

11<sup>th</sup> July FSU – Reception and Year 1

Thank you to all the parents that have supported these trips and made it such fun for the children.

### After School Club

If your child is booked in to After School Club, then you change your mind please make sure this is communicated. Staff can become very anxious after school looking for children. Thank you

### Outstanding dinner balances

As we move towards the end of the school year, please can all parents and carers check their children's dinner balances in ParentMail and ensure that any outstanding balances are cleared. It is very time consuming for office staff to have to chase outstanding balances. If you have a query, you can check your child's transactions yourself in ParentMail. If you do not know how to do this, there is a help page, or you can

obtain instructions from the office. Please contact the office if, having checked your transactions you have any queries.

#### Free School Meals and Price increase for paid meals.

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a Free school meal under the Universal Free School meal scheme. For children in Key stage 2 (Year 3 upwards) the price of a school meal is increasing to £2.40 per meal. This is the first increase for 2 years and we think this still represents good value for money. Children can choose from a meat, vegetarian or cold option. These are accompanied by a selection of vegetables, salad bar and fresh bread. Children can choose the pudding of the day or from a selection of fresh fruit and yoghurts.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals under the Governments **free school meals scheme**. If you think your child may be entitled under this scheme regardless of which year they are in, please contact the office for further details and an application form. All enquiries and applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

#### Office Enquiries

Our Office staff are very busy dealing with incoming enquiries from visitors, staff, pupils, telephone calls and emails whilst also completing our administration tasks. When visiting the main entrance, please press the buzzer for reception and pull on the right hand door. **Our Office staff can see you are waiting and will let you in.** We ask Parents not to let other visitors in as office staff need to be aware of people coming into the building. Please be patient if we are already dealing with another enquiry. We will answer you as soon as we can.

Warm regards



Fiona Hawkins

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.



#### **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