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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday 8th July 2019

Thank you to everyone that made the fete a success. It takes a lot of work before the event and the clearing up can seem endless but thanks to lots of helpful people it all got completed quickly.

PTA meeting 3.15pm Wednesday 17th in FSU Nursery.



In the bag is a gold and silver book!!

Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St Barnabas' for making it the school it is. This includes all our wonderful volunteers.

Since joining the school I have seen many changes but there are also a few people still here from when I started as Deputy in 2004. Sarah Fletcher, Marie Thompson, Ann Hamilton, Jane Cox, Dani Cameron, Alison Aston and Rebecca Tillotson, I am delighted to say they will continue next year with the school and will be an invaluable resource. Since 2004 lots of staff have joined, left and stayed.

For a school to work everyone has to play their part. Every morning I am greeted by Bob who has endless jobs to do not least opening and closing all the doors around the school. Julianna has recently joined Bob and is now our other permanent cleaner. I really appreciate how the never moan at the mess they sometimes have to clear and how unbelievably reliable they are – thank you.

We are so lucky to have our meals cooked on site. We have a very loyal kitchen staff who manage in a very short amount of time to set up cook and clear up. They are always cheerful with the children and try to make lunch times as relaxing as possible. Thank you.

Debbie our School Business Manager with Thao and Alison in the Office ensure the smooth running of the school. They deal with endless enquiries throughout the day and they are always welcoming and helpful. We all value the efficiency of Debbie and the office and how they kindly and subtly look after us all – they always are good on policy and procedure! The team are invaluable – Thank you.

Our Teaching Assistants - we have been so lucky to have had so many wonderful TAs. The staff and children really appreciate the huge contribution they make to the school. Sarah Fletcher does a wonderful job of coordinating their roles. Many of us still see having a TA as a luxury but their role has become crucial in school. A TA

Our value is Thankfulness

has to be prepared to be adaptable and flexible as their job can vary from day to day depending on what is needed. Thankfully St Barnabas' has a wonderful team that always pull together and support the school. The team is wonderfully talented, patient and good fun. Thank you.

Teaching staff - a wonderful team of exceptionally hard working staff including our SENCo and Psychotherapist. Always aiming to inspire, engage and motivate our children. A teacher's job can vary so much each year depending on cohorts and dynamics in the class and the latest Government initiative. All the challenges that face teachers are responded to, reflected on and evaluated. The driving force is the desire to improve and move forward. When home and school work together it really makes an impact and all staff value the relationships they have with parents. So thank you to all the teachers at St Barnabas' for the opportunities you provide and your dedication.

Peripatetic Teachers – we have teachers for piano, drummers, ukulele, cello, rock steady and PE. All the teachers add to the richness of opportunity in the school. The children love having different experiences and having a chance to develop their talents.

Volunteer Reading Helpers and ARCH Readers - this wonderful team of people many local residents and from OUP have worked with so many children and helped them develop their love for reading. The endless patience that has been shown to our children is lovely to watch. Thank you.

Our wonderfully supportive Governors play a significant role in strategically leading the school. I am delighted to say Keith Spiller will continue as a Parent Governor and will be joined by Hermeet Gill. I know both parents will represent the parents' view. Our Governors give a huge amount of time and have been invaluable to me. Their advice, challenge and support has been wisely given.

I have worked with three priests from St Barnabas' Church and all of them have made the school very welcome and involved them in the life of the church calendar. The church have led worship once a week and are part of the school community. Thank you.

I leave knowing the school has a wonderful team of staff, I know the new members of staff Kate Ivey (Nursery), Rachel Keys (Year 1), new TAs Sandy Herrington and Kym Sheriff will make a great addition. Karen Donaghey is so excited to be starting in September and leading her 'forever school'. She will be keen to develop the school and move forward and she will have the support of a new Senior Management Team who are all very capable and a committed Governing body led by Rupert McNeile and the church led by Father Christopher. Exciting times are ahead.

Next week I will say goodbye the parents and children.

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.

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

Thank you over 200 votes were counted. Keith Spiller will be continuing as Parent Governor and Hermeet Gill will be joining the Governors. I know they will make a great contribution.

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.

Children, last chance on Thursday, to join Mrs Pogose from 8:45 to 9:00 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.



Last week otters won! Well done.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons available from September during school hours. All ages welcome. Please contact Hannah Maeer 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
17th July – Thank you and goodbye
22nd July – Mrs Hawkins' leaving assembly
23rd July - Year 6 Leavers

Thursday Collective Worship

Thursday Collective Worship is led by St Barnabas' Church
Term 3
18th July – Tour de France
22nd July - Leavers Service in church for Year 6 – parents are welcome.

Term Dates 2018-2019

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

4th November 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

Monday 1st June is an INSET day.

The second half of term 3 starts on Tuesday 2nd June

Friday 3rd July is an INSET day.

The term ends on Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 1.30pm

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 Government's **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

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.

Here are the highlights from Aristotle Cup.

FSU - manager Peter (Robin's dad)

Fawaaz, Robin, Luke, Yuto, Kango, Helenka, Elliot, Raif, Niall, Alfie, Sam

All played at least 3 of the 4 games on the day and we shared out who played in goals. We gave 2 opposition teams some extra players to keep a 7 vs 7 game and won 2 games and lost 2 games. We were asked not to keep the scores so do not have any knowledge of how the team finished in the table, but I was particularly happy to win convincingly against the otherwise expected 'best' team from our local rival school. No injuries were sustained and all teams and players left the field happy and satisfied with their performance. Some extra praise should be given to the parent who stepped up and refereed a couple of other games when our allocated referee was nowhere to be found.

Year 1 Boys - managers Paul (Misi's dad) and Kenji (Kai and Keito's dad)

Jacob, Ibrahim, Misi, Kai, Keito, Lisandro, Theo, Santiago, Bruno, Lope, Yoav

Vs Cuttleslowe 0-1

Vs Team Phil 0-3

Vs Wolvercote 2-0

Vs Team Jim 0-0

Vs St Aloysius 1-1

Superb turnout from Year 1 boys meant a lot of mental exercise for the coaches to make sure everybody had a go.

The team was lucky that this year Kai and Keito didn't go to California - the twins scored a goal each in a triumphant game against Wolvercote, and Keito ensured the draw against St Aloysius with a neat goal in the last match.

Bruno and Lope worked well in defence, Santiago was an excellent midfielder and Lisandro a solid centre forward. Yoav was running fast and tackling and made some great passes. When Misi was in defense, it was near impossible to get a ball past him.

Ibrahim was in goal when game was won 2-0 - he didn't let any balls near the net. Jacob was also a remarkable goalie and Theo a super striker who came close to scoring on several occasions.

The boys have grown in confidence since last year, worked well as a team and will remain a force to be reckoned with!

Year 2 Boys - managers Al (Harry's dad) and Phil (Jake's dad)

Team Green - **Theo, Jake, Harry, Zoli, Naoki**

A superb effort from the team playing on large pitches and in bright sunshine! They played as a team, supported each other admirably and were very sporting with the other teams at the end of games. Highlights include great goalkeeping performances from Jake, Harry and Theo, with Zoli and Naoki scoring some wonderful goals to secure two wins and a draw. The two defeats were unlucky and they should be very proud of their efforts throughout the tournament.

Team Black - **Bennie, Jonathan, Oscar, Raiyan, Luca**

V Cuttleslowe Win 2-0

V Team Phil Win 2-1

V Wolvercote Draw 0-0

V Team Jim Draw 0-0

V St bs Green Win 3-1

The boys were fantastic showing real gritty determination in all the games especially considering the heat and the quick turnaround of matches. Super goalkeeping from Bennie, who only let 2 goals slip through his hands all day. A special mention to Raiyan whose new role up front supporting Oscar - our 5 goal scorer - netted him two goals, one of them the winning goal against Team Phil. And also a shout goes out to the super defending, crunching tackles all day from Jonnie and Luca. Well done year 2 St Bs Black and St Bs Green team for another year of great football and a continuing unbeaten record against our welcoming hosts Phil and Jim's.

Year 1&2 Girls - manager Ed (Jess's dad)

Jess, Ophelie, Miranda, Theo, Nuria, Tresaray, Emily, Charlotte

The year 1-2 girls had a great Aristotle Cup. All the players did extremely well, Miranda, Ophelie, Theo and Jess put in a series of

outstanding goalkeeping and defensive performances, only conceding 2 goals all tournament. In midfield and attack, Charlotte, Nuria and Tresaray played some really skilful and clever football, thankfully ignoring their coach's call for kicking it long and chasing after it. They were very unlucky not to score more goals, hitting the post twice and going incredibly close on a number of occasions. The team all gelled really well together, had great fun and seemed to grow in confidence with each match. Each player played a big part in almost going unbeaten.

Miranda settled everyone's nerves with some really great goalkeeping and defending, Theo was awesome, so calm and composed throughout with some lovely passes out from the back, Ophelie's non stop energy and great tackles made the defence rock solid, Jess was so commanding in goal against Wolvercote they didn't even take a shot! awesome also in defence. In attack Nuria was really skilful and brave, definitely another USA football star in the making, Tresaray's skill and speed were virtually unstoppable and Charlotte ran the midfield with some great all action displays. Great team effort from some very talented players.

Cuttleslowe Drew 0-0

Team Phil Drew 0-0

Wolvercote Drew 0-0

Team Jim Drew 1-1

St Aloysius Lost 0-1

Year 3 Boys - manager Doug (Ollie's dad) and Simon (Noah's dad) **Enwei, Shreeman, Harvey, Guy, Marc, Rowan, Noah, Ollie and Yunos**

The squad made a solid start with a hard fought 0-0 draw against Cuttleslowe: the boys demonstrated their fantastic resilience and defence skills albeit at the expense of creating little attacking opportunities of their own. Following a brief interval the team came head to head with "the enemy" (the children's words!) Team Phil of Phil & Jim's, the game was difficult and the team showed great bravery and sportsmanship in a one-sided match which saw them lose 4-0, the score line could have been worse if not for some great sliding tackles and crucial blocks (you know who you are!).

The team determined to get back on track came up against a strong Wolvercote team; the match was close and neither wanted to lose, with over half the match played suddenly there was a breakthrough goal from the roaming midfielder! 1-0 to St Barnabas. Wolvercote tried an equaliser but could not find one, with our goalkeeper producing the save of the tournament tipping over the bar a shot that only Ronaldo could have kicked harder. The whistle blew and St Barnabas had their first victory (phew!)

Match 4 on paper looked tough but with renewed vigour and energy; Team Jim were swept aside with two wonderful goals 2-0, a breeze! The gegenpressing tactic was starting to pay-off....

The final game, the tension and desire to win against St Aloysius in the last game and go out on a high could be seen on all 9 boys faces. St Barnabas boys were disciplined and focussed (not sure how often that gets said in the classroom!) and had really started to gather momentum, with some fierce tackles flying in and brave blocks made, and a goal from a defender settled the game 1-0.

The team did indeed finish on a high coming 2nd in their group, their best ever performance in the tournament.

Year 4 Boys - manager Keith (Macky's dad)

Malachi, Isaac, Solomon, Salvador, Luca, Noah, Macky, Taylun, Benji and Marcel

Once again, the Year 4 team had an outstanding Aristotle Cup. The team of ten were imperious. They cruised through the early rounds with some wonderful defending, magnificent goalkeeping and lots of precisely taken goals. However, in their last game and what must have been one of the most exciting matches of the tournament, the team found themselves 1-3 down, having conceded two penalties, but through sheer determination and excellent teamwork they fought back to secure a 3-3 draw and maintain their un-blemished record. Well done to the team who were brilliant throughout!

Year 3&4 Girls - manager Mark (Stella's dad)

Liv, Isabel, Isabelle, Sophia, Effie, Elodie, Stella, Darya

Year 5 - manager Alexander (Moritz's dad)

Livio, Cosmo, William, Jasper, Moritz, Hugo, Devontay, Alex, Yusuf, Maximus

The year 5 boys did brilliantly! Played well as a team, passing and supporting each other on the pitch. They drew 3 games, won one 1-0 and lost one. Maximus and Livio were really strong in defence, and there was a lovely goal from Moritz after being crossed in from William. Alex was determined and got in some good tackles.

Cosmo was a very reliable goalie who got stuck in and was not fazed when hit by the ball, he gave it his all!

All the boys showed great skills and attitude in each game.

Year 6 - manager Simon (Skye's dad)

Kimora, Skye, Jayden, Aholiav, Salvador, Kaspar, Nick, Christian, Milo

St Barnabas Year 6 outdid all other teams in the year group by being the only mixed squad - Kimora and Skye, on the day of the Women's World Cup Final, showed what St Barnabas is all about by mixing in with the boys with no fear. The results may have been disappointing but the performances were not. Our strong defensive qualities were on display again with brave tackling and timely clearances from Aholiav, Christian, Skye and Kaspar. Milo linked defence and midfield with class and bombing forward, came close to scoring against Cuttleslowe. Kimora was the engine of the team, doing much of the hard yards in midfield and getting stuck in all afternoon with real skill. Jayden and Salvador got back well to help and going forward, caused headaches for the opposing defences. Particularly outstanding were Nick's performances in goal - he showed bravery and great positioning to save St Barnabas on many occasions. He gets my player of the tournament award.

The first game against Phil and Jim, lost 1-0 to a late goal, deserves special mention as we matched a very good team almost all the way. Some parents were reminded of England's performance v Brazil in 1970 :) I'd also single out the last match against Cuttleslowe: in a great match to watch we had the better of the play, and came agonisingly close on a couple of occasions to taking the lead through Kimora and Milo, only to concede heart-breakingly late on.

We all learned some lessons on being a team and working hard for each other. I think we also all enjoyed the excitement and challenge of pulling on the green and black shirt and giving our all against often more seasoned opponents. The desire to play and turn things around never waned even after setbacks and we can be proud of that. It was not their day, but they all have skill and talent, and I know will go on to success in whatever teams they play in in future.

Summer fete – top fastest shots

Here are the fastest shots during the summer fete.

Reception

Boys: Sam 31mph

Y1

Girls: Miranda 20mph

Boys: Gabriel 34mph

Y2

Girls: Tabea 20mph

Boys: Luca/Zoli 37mph

Y3

Girls: Lana/Ava 18mph

Boys: Yunos 42mph

Y4

Girls: Zoe 32mph

Boys: Macky 40mph

Y5

Boys: William/Devontay 43mph

Y6

Boys: Milo 44mph