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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday 8th July 2019

Thank you to the PTA for all your support, fun, kindness and contributions to the school. Mrs Donaghey will enjoy working with you all.

Our value is Thankfulness

Dear Families,

Well the time has finally come. This has to be the longest decision making process I have ever been involved in!

I leave with so many happy memories of pupils, parents, staff, Governors and the community. Oh and Ofsted and SIAMS!

Thank you to all the parents who make up St Barnabas'. This year I have felt closer than ever to you all and we have shared laughter and tears. The diversity of the school makes it a wonderful place to come to every day and I mean that I really do enjoy coming to work.

Thank you to all of you that make our job so much easier, as you are so open with us and want to work with us. Sometimes it can be difficult but we always work through it.

Thank you for sharing your talents with us and making the school a richer more exciting place to be. You have all given to the school in so many ways. Thank you.

Thank you most importantly for sending your children to the school. Every day I learn something new about them, how kind they are, what a good sense of humour they have, how they have achieved a new skill, how they have grown in confidence, so many things.

I have loved seeing children develop through the school. When I started as head 11 years ago very few of the children were born. I have watched families grow and have shared in the excitement of new siblings.

Thank you for all your unique children they all make St Barnabas' a school that people want to come and work at.

So it is goodbye but I will be in school to the end of July sorting things out! My term ends on 31st August. Mrs Donaghey will be in during the holidays in August so I am sure you will see her popping in and out.

Thank you to all of you for this truly wonderful time I have had at St Barnabas' I have enjoyed it so much. Thank you for your kindness, support, challenge, advice and friendliness. I will not forget you.



THANK YOU FOR MY LOVELY PARTY ON SATURDAY!

The company was great, so nice to see some ex pupils and family.

Thank you for the lovely cake made by Rosanna. Thank you to all the lovely parents that organised the event and created a lovely atmosphere with music, food, singing and laughter.

Miss Hocknell needs 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



Well done Eco workers at St Barnabas' and School Council we have passed and renewed the Green Flag for the 6th time. Although we didn't need to renew until December I wanted to sort it out before I left!

Year 5 and I enjoyed a great trip to Ardley on the 15th July and learnt more about how our waste is used.

We first became an Eco School in 2006 and 13 years later we are still and Eco School well done everyone. Keep it up please.

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 Kingfishers won! Well done.

Huge thank you to Mrs Pogose for her wonderful Zumba sessions that have been so popular. I am sure they will continue next term.

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
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
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 Parent Mail 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 Parent Mail. 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 e mails 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.