



# BARNABAS NEWS... 11TH OCTOBER 2019 WEEK 6

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## DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

We hope you enjoyed INTERNATIONAL EVENING. The children were amazing and a huge thank you to Mrs Pogose for leading the singing and the whole school salsa - no mean feat! We now have families from 40 different countries speaking 30 different languages so we really are an international school. It is one of the things that makes our school so special.

Poetry Recital Competition went really well with the children choosing two performers from each class to recite their poems to the school. The staff then chose two overall winners. All performed really well and congratulations to Theo from Year 2 and Alicia from Year 6 who were our overall winners. They have both chosen a book as their prize. We look forward to making this an annual event.

Another plug for reading; research from the National Literacy Trust found that children who enjoy reading are three times more likely to have high levels of mental wellbeing than children who don't. One of the many reasons we encourage reading for pleasure.

Thank you and happy weekend

Karen Donaghey

## LEARNING HOMEWORK

By the end of Year 2 children need to know their subtraction and addition bonds to 20 **with instant recall**. By the end of Year 4 they need to know their times tables and division facts up to 12x in random order and will complete an external test in the Spring. This is in addition to learning spellings, grammar and lots of subject facts and vocabulary. This is one of the reasons we changed the format of homework as the instant recall really makes a difference to their success in maths.

Please keep practicing with your child.

Our value this week is *Truthfulness*

*We learned about honesty and integrity - that the truth matters... that you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules... and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square.*

**Michelle Obama**

## ACTION PLEASE...

- ❖ Parent and carer meetings are coming up during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please sign up in your child's classroom. These meetings will be about how they are settling into their new year group. If you feel you will need more than the 10-minute appointment, please arrange to see your child's teacher another time. As part of our whole school work on mental health and wellbeing Lyndsay from the Oxford School Mental Health Support Team will be available in the meeting room to chat to parents from 3.15-6.15pm. No appointment is necessary.
- ❖ <https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/about> Please keep collecting the stickers from Aldi. We really want a new kit and to enter the competition to win £20,000. Sometimes you have to ask for them and sometimes they will give you extra if they are feeling kind!
- ❖ There are lots of trips coming up, please look out for permission slips and Yenworthy deposits are due now.
- ❖ For After School Club if you are going to be late please phone 07943967237 to let us know. The club finishes at 5.30pm and the children mind if they don't know what is happening.
- ❖ GREAT BIG COAT SWOP As we are an Eco-School we work on the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Next week we ask you to reclaim any lost property or we will dispose of it. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 8.30-9.30am we will hold a coat swop in the Foyer. Coats can be brought in at anytime until that day and should be clean and suitable for any age. Coats will be free or for a donation to school funds.
- ❖ **PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWI FREE SCHOOL. Please check cereal bars and snacks and do not send products such as Nutella to school. This includes pine nuts. This includes humus, tahini and Nutella.**