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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support and interest at the curriculum open morning last week. We had good attendance and some very positive feedback about the school. Below is a summary of remaining events this term. Please read the following carefully and make a note of the details so that you don't miss anything.

School Vision

To strengthen our overall aims and direction we are in the process of revisiting the school's vision and values. Staff, governors and children have now all taken part in a vision exercise and we would now like to invite parents to take this forward. School council will be consulting with parents in the hall between 8.45 am and 9.00 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please pop into the hall at any of these times to share your thoughts and reflections. If your child is on the school council, please could you ensure they arrive promptly at school.

PTA Meeting

All parents are invited to our next PTA meeting on 6th March 6pm-7pm. Pizzas and drinks will be provided. This will be a chance to discuss new ideas for the school with our new PTA team and to find out more about how to get involved. There will be the opportunity to join by Teams for those who can't make it in person.

There will also be a short PTA coffee morning after our celebration assembly on Friday 8th March from 9.15am. Do join us if you can.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. Each class will take part in a book related event and there will be a £1 secondhand book fair in the hall for all to attend at the end of the day. We also have the scholastic travelling book fair in school the following week, should families wish to purchase some new books.

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

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A charity called 'Comic Relief' was set up in the UK by comedians wishing to raise money for people affected by poverty, famine, conflict and global warming. On Friday 15th March, there is a national fundraising initiative known as Red Nose Day, when you can do something 'funny for money'. At St. Barnabas we will go wild with a mad hair day in aid of Comic Relief. Year 6 are also organising a cake sale which will be open to parents from 2.45pm.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

The next parent-teacher meetings will be on 12th and 14th March from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. An email will be sent to parents on Monday explaining how to sign up for the meetings. Please note that due to a short notice family wedding overseas, Johnny James, the Class 2 teacher will be holding his meetings the following week (Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March). Nursery parents will meet with Kate Ivey before school and at lunchtimes to fit in with her working hours. She will contact you directly about this.

Easter Service

On Monday 25th March at 9.30 am we will attend an Easter Service at St. Barnabas Church. The children will be taking part with readings and songs. We encourage all children to attend so that they can learn about this festival and its importance to Christians. Parents and Carers are invited to join us.

The St. Barnabas Great Egg Race

As part of their homework, each child has been asked to build a vehicle that will carry a boiled egg across the hall floor. It should not be powered by electricity or batteries (or fossil fuels!). More details were sent to you over half term but do contact us if you need further clarification. This will take place on Tuesday 26th March at the following times:

9.15am Years 1, 2 and 3
1.30 pm Years 4, 5 and 6

This is a STEM project to promote children's enjoyment in and application of science and technology skills. We are hoping this will become an annual St. Barnabas tradition.

Attendance

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Authorised absence has increased this term. Please be careful to only keep your child at home if they are unwell. Children with coughs, colds and other minor ailments are advised to attend school.

Please could you plan holidays and visits abroad in line with the school calendar so that no unauthorised absence occurs. Term dates for 2024/2025 are now available on the school website. Please make a careful note of them.

Dates for the term

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day - Dress as a book character
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief - Mad Hair Day
Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 14th March	Parent - Teacher Meetings
Monday - Friday 18th-22nd March	Year 6 residential to Yenworthy
Monday 25th March 9.30 am	Easter Service in Church
Tuesday 26th March 9.15 am Years 1, 2 & 3 1.30 pm Years 4, 5 & 6	The St. Barnabas Great Egg Race
Thursday 28th March	Term Ends at 1.00 pm

Have a good weekend

Best wishes

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