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Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our brilliant Year 6 children who sat their SATs this week. They all rose to the occasion and did themselves proud. Well done all of you!

We have some staffing news. Dani Cameron, our Year 3 teacher will be leaving us in July to start his retirement. Dani has been at St. Barnabas for many years. We are extremely grateful to him for his sustained hardwork and commitment.

Shifa Furquan, our Year 5 teacher will also be leaving us in July to take a pause from class teaching and spend time with family. We are looking forward to inviting her back to do some supply teaching so that she can keep her hand in. We hope that she returns to class teaching in the future as we think she has so much potential! We look forward to giving them both the farewell they deserve at the end of the summer term.

This coming week is our May dance festival culminating in our performance at 1.30pm on Friday. Please join us if you can.

Please note that school is closed from 27th-31st May for the half term break.

Curriculum

This term's class curriculum overviews are on the school website. Further information has now been added for most year groups. Make sure you follow the link to 'Curriculum' and then 'Class Overviews' to get the most relevant information for your child.

<https://st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk/>

May Dance Festival

Don't miss the May Dance on Friday 24th at 1.30pm. Each class (Reception to Year 6) will be performing a dance. Join us for this much anticipated spectacle!

Run Jericho

This year's Run Jericho is on Sunday 9th June. Registration is now open. The PTA and run organisers already raised £10,000. We are hoping that all the children will take part. Parents can run too or you may prefer to volunteer as there is help needed on the day.

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Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the school entrance if you can help.

Science Fair

Each class will be preparing hands-on science exhibitions. Please join us for some science related joy! This is on Friday 21st June at 9.15 am.

Sports Day

We plan to hold sports day on Wednesday 3rd July. It will be Reception and Key Stage 1 in the morning, starting at 9.15am. Key Stage 2 will be in the afternoon, starting at 1pm.

Year 5 and 6 Musical

The choice for this year's extravaganza is soon to be revealed. Both Year 5 and 6 will be involved with the Year 6 children taking the leading roles. Performances will be on Wednesday 17th July 1.45pm and Thursday 18th July 6pm Please note that all Year 5 and 6 children will be needed at the evening performance.

Year 6 Leavers

The date for this has changed. It will now be a daytime event on Friday 19th July during the school day. We have booked South Oxford Adventure Playground where the children will have a day's celebratory activities. There will be a bicycle powered smoothie maker, cooking on an open fire, water related play and more. Any Year 6 parents who would like to join us to help on the day would be most welcome.

Punctuality and Attendance

Please continue to work with us in keeping absence to a minimum. Please also ensure that your child arrives in school by 8.45am each morning so that they are settled and ready to learn for their first lesson. Arriving late is stressful for the children and they miss key information at the start of the day.

Please plan holidays and visits abroad in line with the school calendar so that no

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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

Friday May 24th 1.30pm	May Dance Festival for parents (Reception to Year 6)
Mon 27th -Fri 31st May	School closed for half term
Sunday June 9th am	Run Jericho
Friday 21st June 9.15am	Science Fair
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports Day
Wednesday 17th July 1.45pm Thursday 18th July 6pm	Year 5 and 6 Musical Show
Friday 19th July (during school day)	Year 6 leavers party
Tuesday 23rd July 9.15 am	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 24th July 1pm	End of Term

Best wishes

Beccy Harris - Headteacher