



St Barnabas Newsletter

Drakes Broughton | Issue 4 | 2021-2022



Announcements

**Half Term School closure:
Monday 21st – Friday 25th February**

Appointment of New Headteacher

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed an experienced Headteacher who will be starting in September 2022. More details will follow in due course.

Parents Evenings

The Spring Term Parents Evening have been scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday 29th March 5.00 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 30th March 4.00 – 6.00pm

As we remain reactive to Covid cases in school, we will confirm arrangements for these dates after half term.

Our Value for this month is

Love

Our Bible verse for this month is:
'Let all that you do be done in love'
1 Corinthians 16



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@StBarnabasDB



<https://st-barnabas.dowmat.education/>



Children's Mental Health

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, 7th to 13th February. We will be doing a variety of different exercises with the children throughout the week to discuss this topic.

Please visit this area on the school website for further information on how we help pupils at St Barnabas: <https://st-barnabas.dowmat.education/about/mental-health-wellbeing/>

A new mental health website for children has been launched in Worcestershire. Designed in collaboration with mental health professionals from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and young people, the site acts as a one stop shop for children, young people, families and professionals who are seeking advice and support about mental health. The new site can be accessed at <https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/>

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The school identifies children with additional or special educational needs as early as possible and aims to provide opportunities for every child to achieve their full potential. Children identified as experiencing difficulties with their learning or behaviour may be placed on the School's SEND Register. The aim of SEND provision is to facilitate the best possible progress for the individuals identified as it is for all other children.

Please visit this area on the school website for further information: <https://st-barnabas.dowmat.education/statutory-information/send/>

Young Voices Concert – New Date!

We are delighted to confirm the new date of Friday 20th May for the Young Voices concert this year. All original ticket orders will be transferred over and these will be sent home with t-shirts after the Easter holidays. We are looking forward to getting back to practising all together next week, at lunchtime on Friday 11th February.

Consultation of Pershore 2-Tier System

Last week we received the news that further work between the Department for Education and Avonreach Multi-Academy Trust is required to find a shared solution to create the additional Year 7 places required at Pershore High School and to enable age-range changes. In summary, no further proposals can proceed to make the age range changes in the Pershore area until further notice.

We will keep you informed of any further developments.

Hygiene Bank

This is a reminder that we welcome any donations of hygiene products to create a Hygiene bank. We often think of them as a luxury but they are basic / essentials items needed to contribute to a person's health and wellbeing (no aerosols). Please contact the school office or Mrs. Richards on tlr25@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk if you require this support.



Pershore Food Bank

We are able to issue e-vouchers to families. Please contact the school office or Mrs. Richards on tlr25@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk if you require this support.

Citizens Advice are also on site on Friday afternoons providing their service to those that need it.

Opening Times:
Tuesday 11am to 1pm
Fridays 1pm to 3pm

School Governor Vacancy

After 22 years as a school governor, Julie Lloyd recently left her role on the Local Academy Board (LAB) creating a vacancy for a new governor. If you would be interested in joining the LAB or would like more details please contact the school office.

World Book Day 2022

Thursday 3rd March is going to be a big celebration, the 25th anniversary of World Book Day.

We always celebrate the day in style with various events for our pupils to get involved in and 2022 will be no different. Make a note in your diaries and encourage your child(ren) to get involved where they can.

1. Dress up

Pupils will be given the chance to come dressed as their favourite book character on the day (this is optional).

2. "The Spoon"

Last year's "The Masked Reader" was a huge hit. This year, staff at St. Barnabas have created a new show for our pupils to enjoy on the day. Look out for this on our website soon!



Pupils can pay £1 to enter this exciting competition. They will be provided with a wooden spoon (ordered in advance) and challenged to decorate/ dress up their wooden spoon as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in First School and Middle School. Wooden spoons must be ordered by Friday 18th February so that children have just under 2 weeks to get creative. Send your £1 with your child's name and class to Mrs Reeder by the deadline.



4. Golden Ticket

For Year 3 and upwards, Mrs James will be hiding golden tickets in 10 books in the school library. If found, the pupils will earn 2 house points. They then have 24 hours to read that particular book and quiz on it. They need to score 80% or above to win a prize.

From Preschool - Y2, the golden tickets will be hidden in their class reading books. If found, the pupils will earn 2 house points and can help to read the book aloud to the class with their teacher on World Book Day.

International Book Giving Day

International Book Giving Day takes place on 14th February each year. The aim of the day is to share the love of books and to get books into the hands of as many children as possible.

We are asking for you to raid your bookshelves at home and donate any unwanted ones in a bag to our school library.

All donating families will receive a special Valentine's card from our Junior Librarians as a 'thank you'. Please make sure we know who you are by adding a note to your bag!

5. Whole-school "Handmade Book Swap"

On World Book Day, we will be launching our "Handmade Book Swap". Each class will be provided with a handmade book. Each class will decide on a generic theme for their book, e.g., insects. Each class will complete the first double-page spread on the theme. The double-page may include: a piece of writing, a piece of artwork and some factual information, e.g., a poem about a butterfly, a drawing and a fact about butterflies. Every fortnight, the book will be passed onto the next class and they will complete the next double-page (sticking to the theme but creating a different page), e.g., the honeybee. At the start of the Summer term, we should have 9 completed books to exhibit in school. We cannot wait for you to see them!

Thank you for your continued support,
Louise Reeder.

Overdue Library Books

We would like to take the opportunity to ask you to look for any school library books which might be hiding on a bookcase at home. The majority of these books will have an orange sticker on the bottom of the spine.

If you have received a letter from the library team about overdue library books and your child is unable to locate them, then please use ParentPay as a means of payment.

COVID-19 Updates

We would like to thank all our parents and guardians for being so vigilant with looking out for covid-19 symptoms and testing regularly. We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and, with your help we continue to reduce the introduction of the virus into our school community, where possible.

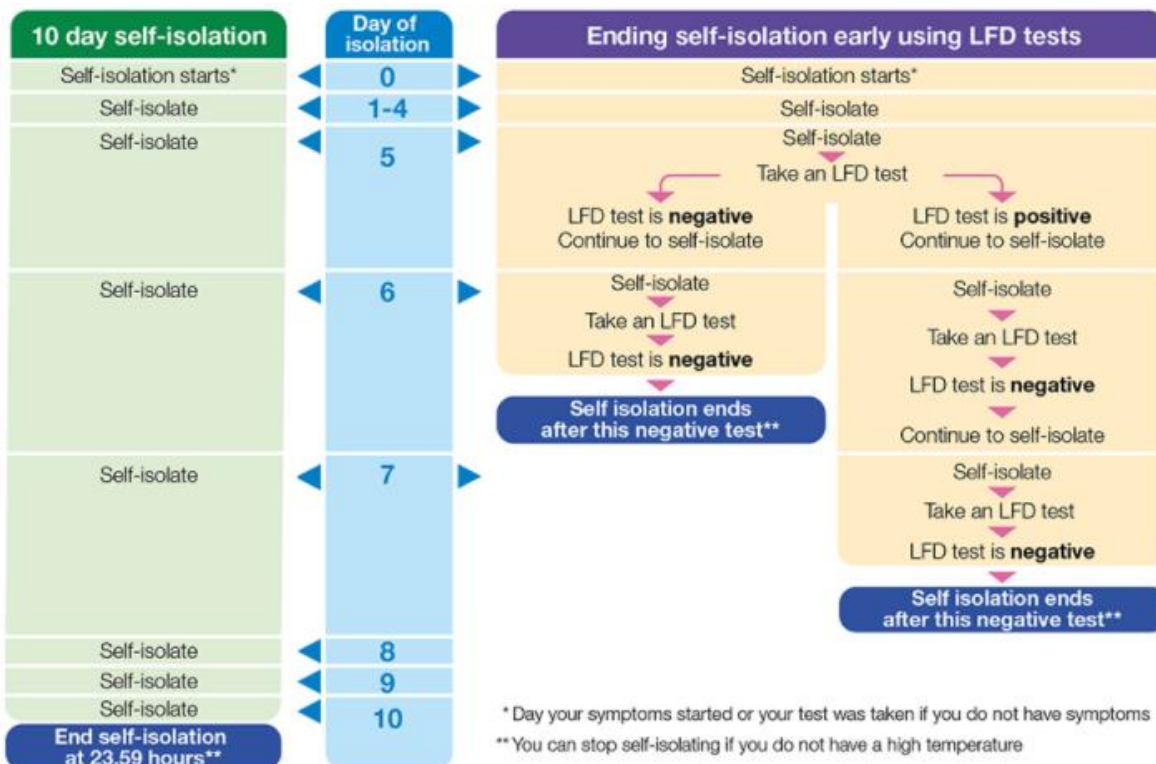
Isolation Periods

As from the 17th January the self-isolation Guidance changed. It is possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. The first LFD test should not be taken before the 5th day after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms). The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart.

Further information can be obtained from the Gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Ending self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result:



PAEDIATRIC INFLAMMATORY MULTISYSTEM SYNDROME (PIMS)

PIMS is a new and very rare condition that happens 4-6 weeks after a child has tested positive for COVID-19 and likely remained well with no symptoms of the virus. PIMS causes inflammation throughout the body. PIMS can be treated with medical help, trust your instincts, you know your own child.

The main symptom of PIMS is a high temperature that lasts for a number of days which you'll find you cannot control at home with over the counter medication. Your child might also have other symptoms such as:

- A rash
- Tiredness and weakness
- Tummy pain or cramps
- Red and cracked lips
- Swollen hands and feet
- Peeling skin on your hands and feet
- Headache
- Red eyes
- Muscle aches and pains
- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- Swollen neck glands
- Unexplained irritability



www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/conditions-we-treat/paediatric-inflammatory-multisystem-syndrome-pims/

Friends February 2022

The Friends are parent volunteers who support the school by raising additional funds and historically have been able to fund the school minibuses, stage and lighting, playground benches and more recently the tv and audio systems in the school halls and Linguascope for use across the school to develop language skills.

The Friends are always looking for parents to join us and raise much needed funds for the school. If you would like to join us, please contact us direct - whether it be as a year representative and part of the committee or via the 100 Club and Amazon Smile, all support is much appreciated.



Have you ordered your Krispy Kreme doughnuts?

A dozen glazed doughnuts for £10 and ready to collect from the school playground on the 14th February (all orders to be placed by 7th February). Payments can be made via cash or ParentPay - place your orders via this link <https://forms.gle/vwiYx37zfmCYqU816>

More events to be announced after half term - watch this space!

100 Club:

Would you like to provide ongoing support to the Friends? Join our 100 club for a £2 a month donation and monthly prizes, email us for a form and to find out more.

Amazon Smile:

We are now on Amazon Smile, link your account to 'Friends St Barnabas' and we get 0.5% of all purchases made - so far, we have raised approx. £50. It's easy to do:

- Search Amazon Smile in your browser
- Login
- Choose 'Friends of St Barnabas School'
- Make all purchases through this link and help the school raise funds!

Thank you

The Friends

Email: Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStB

School Games Mark

The School Games, which is funded by Sport England National Lottery funding and delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, is a government led programme designed to deliver competitive school sport to all young people. The programme is designed to keep competitive sport at the heart of schools and prove more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best;

@SG_SouthWorc
@YourSchoolGames

Church News

St Barnabas Church are extremely pleased to announce they will be re-opening on Sunday 13th March for their 9.30am Morning Service, following the completion of the long-awaited repairs to the roof.

They thank you all for your patience and support and look forward to welcoming you all.

St Barnabas CE Pre-school

We are a Pre-school situated within St Barnabas CE First and Middle School providing high quality care and education to the children of Drakes Broughton and the surrounding areas. We take children from the age of 2 years and 9 months.

We are currently registering children for September 2022 places. If you would like any further information please contact our Pre School Manager, Mrs Pope on ldp21@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

Donation

Does anyone have an under the counter fridge that is no longer needed? If so, school would love it. Thank you

Term Dates

Please find attached the 2022-2023 Term dates. We'd like to remind you that holidays should be booked around the school breaks and fines could be incurred for holiday taken during school term time.

Healthy Eating

Reminder that breaktime snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables only. Crisps, biscuits and cereal bars should not be eaten at breaktime. These items should only be included as part of your child's lunch.

The Department of Health and Social Care have launched a multimedia Better Health campaign to encourage families to eat better and improve children's diets. The campaign includes a new 'scan, swipe and swap' feature on the NHS Food Scanner App, to help families maintain a healthier diet. Families can scan the product barcodes from their shop and the app will suggest healthier alternatives to help them make an easy swap next time they shop. The app uses a "Good Choice" badge to help signpost people to healthier food and drinks in line with the government's dietary recommendations for added sugar, saturated fat and salt. The campaign follows a record rise in obesity amongst children since the start of the pandemic, with latest data highlighting that one in four (27.7%) children of reception school age are overweight or obese; this rises to four in 10 (40.9%) in year six (ages 10-11). Read government announcement in full on new campaign launch

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-launched-to-help-parents-improve-childrens-diet>

Our School Prayer

Our Father in Heaven
Thank you for our school,
our friends and all the people
that help and care for us.

Help us to be trustworthy
and reliable to all those
who depend on us.

Let all that you do be done in love.

Be with us as we learn new
things and discover your world.

Help us to remember those
people who are less fortunate
than ourselves.

Amen.

Are you a member of the public and worried about a child?

If you have reason to believe that a child, young person or adult is at immediate risk from harm contact the **Police**: telephone: 999

If you have any concerns about a child or young person living in Worcestershire and feel that they may be in need of protection or safeguarding contact the **Family Front Door**.

Staff are available Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Fridays from 9.00am to 4.30pm.
telephone: 01905 822666

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/childrenreferral>

For assistance **out of office hours** (weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays): telephone: 01905 768020

If you would like additional advice please refer to our safeguarding page on the school website, which we update regularly.

<https://st-barnabas.dowmat.education/statutory-information/safeguarding/>

Drakes Broughton & Wadborough With Pirton Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council have a vacancy for a parish councilor for Drakes Broughton.

The parish council meet on the first Thursday of each month normally at Drakes Broughton village Hall at 7.30pm (currently meeting at St Barnabas First & Middle School whilst the Village Hall is refurbished)

The parish council review the facilities & services provided in the villages and surrounding area on behalf of the residents.

If you are community minded and are interested in joining, you need to be over 18 and registered on the electoral role for at least 12 months.

Please contact Nikki Nicholson – Clerk & RFO on 01905936560 or email dbwppc@gmail.com