



St Barnabas Newsletter

Drakes Broughton | Issue 5 | 2021-2022



Announcements

**Easter Holidays School closure:
Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April**

Parents Evenings

Don't forget Parents Evenings:

Tuesday 29th March 5.00 – 7.30pm
Wednesday 30th March 4.00 – 6.00pm

These are being held virtually and confirmation of appointment times are being shared from today. It isn't too late to book a meeting however we can't guarantee your preferred time slot. Letters have been sent via email to all parents / guardians

Our Value for this month is

Thankfulness

Our Bible verse for this month is:

'Give thanks with a grateful heart'

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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

Appointment of New Headteacher

We were delighted to share with you the news that a new Headteacher has been appointed. We hope you all saw the announcement but in case you missed it, we are very excited that Elizabeth Whetham MBE will be joining us in September, and the children will get the chance to meet her very soon.

Easter Bonnet Competition

As part of our Easter celebrations, children in Pre School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to create their own bonnet and wear it on Friday 8th April. Corinna and Dot will be joining us and giving prizes for the best creations. We are looking for bonnets that have been made by your child and they will get to wear them whilst they enjoy lunch!

Jubilee Celebrations

Pupil Parliament will be hosting an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 26th May 2022. They have surveyed the ideas and pulled together, what they hope will be a great day of activities. More information will follow after the Easter holidays.

Donation Request: We are looking for donations of 10 large stones (approx. A5 paper size), preferably with a smooth edge. Thank you

COVID-19 Vaccination: Children Aged 5 to 11 Years

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have asked schools to share this link with parents and carers, providing information about the covid-19 vaccination for children and young people aged 5 to 11 years.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years>

Peace Garden

With the weather looking more promising, we are encouraging children to take time to enjoy our Peace Garden. We are asking for any donations of Bark Chippings to help maintain the area. Thank you

New COVID Isolation Guidelines

At the end of February, we came back to school with another ease on restrictions and new guidance for isolation. With this knowledge we have continued to be reactive to COVID cases in school and adapt to ensure we are working within the guidelines. As of this week we have stopped emailing parents when there is a positive case in a class, as we feel our school community is learning to live with COVID. Those that test positive are required to isolate and not come to school for a minimum period of five full days, starting the day after either a positive test or when symptoms began (this is classed as day zero). The DFE have confirmed that children can return to school once they have one negative lateral flow result following these 5 full days of isolation, i.e. day 6. We'd like to thank you all for adhering to these measures and helping to keep all within school safe.

Art Competition

As a school, we are entering a competition to win a £5000 playground makeover. To enter, we have to create a large-scale piece of artwork based on the theme: Message in a Bottle. This artwork must depict how sea life is affected by plastic in our oceans. As a result, we are in need of as many plastic bottle tops as possible to create our scene. All colours, shapes and sizes welcome. Please make sure they are thoroughly cleaned before sending them in. There will be 2 'Drop Off' buckets: one in the Art Room for Year 3 to Year 7 children; one in the FS Hall for Preschool to Year 2 children. Your child can drop bottle tops off at any time and as many times as they wish. The final day for bottle top donations will be April 8th. We cannot wait to show you the finished piece in May. Many thanks, Mrs Reeder.

School Attendance Expectations

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school.

World Book Day 2022

Thank you for all of your support with World Book Day 2022 - it really was a great day! Staff and children had a 'Snail and the WHALE' of a time.

Best Costume

Our 'Best Costume' certificates were difficult to judge - however one child from each class had to be chosen and they each received a certificate. Well done to you all - our special Collective Worship with Mrs Reeder was filled with homemade hats, handmade wigs, feathered bodies, bandaged heads and magic wands.

'The Spoon' Competition

'The Spoon' competition was extremely popular and your kind donations meant we were able to buy some amazing prizes and also give money to the school library. Keeping our children engaged in reading is our highest priority - the more books we have, the more our children can read. Mrs Reeder and Mrs James had the great task of looking at all of the wooden spoons; choosing the top 3 was the most difficult (almost impossible) job ever in the history of World Book Day at St. Barnabas. Thank you to everyone who took part - for your time, your creativity.

These were our winners in each category:

Preschool - Year 2

3rd prize - George G - Fairy Tales Book Pack
2nd prize - Elsie K - Interesting Reads Book Pack
1st prize - Sophie Y - Famous Tales Book Pack

Year 3 and 4

3rd prize - Emily I - Matilda Spellbook
2nd prize - Darcie J - Beatrix Potter Book
1st prize - Oscar M H - Henry Book Pack

Year 5, 6 and 7

3rd prize - Nellie B - David Walliams Book
2nd prize - Lily M - Escape stories Book Pack
1st prize - George F - Young Bond Book Pack

Golden Tickets

10 Golden Tickets were hiding in classrooms and the school library too. Well done to everyone who managed to find one and receive their rewards - not quite a trip to Wonka's but a surprise all the same!

We are already looking forward to next year. See you then!



Travelling Book Fair

Next week, the travelling Book Fair will be revisiting the school and open for parents and pupils to visit after school from Thursday 31st March until Tuesday 5th April in the First School Hall until 4pm.

By supporting this school event, you are helping us add more top titled books and increasing the variety for our pupils to read. Thank you



Friends March 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.

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.

Events:

Easter Duck Race

The virtual race will start at noon on Monday 4th April and will finish at noon on Friday 8th April

All entries to be submitted by 3pm on Friday 1st April.

Friday 1st April will be a whole school non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations.

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-](mailto:Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk)

[barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:Friends@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk)

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStB

Drakes Broughton & Wadborough With Pirton Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022

Drakes Broughton & Wadborough – 7:30pm
Thursday 12th May at St Barnabas First & Middle School

Annual Parish Meetings are where you can find out more about what's happening in your local community and have a say in improving services over the next twelve months.

There will be information about the proposals for a new town at Worcestershire Parkway ahead of the Wychavon DC public consultation. There will also be information and the opportunity to have your say about the next phase of development to Drakes Broughton Playing Field. Everyone welcome

Easter Duck Race



Each duck costs £3. Register using this Google form: <https://forms.gle/XdLgGty39udwxDwj6> by 3pm on Friday 1st April and then make the appropriate payment on ParentPay.

The virtual race will start at noon on Monday 4th April and finish at noon on Friday 8th April.

Chocolate prizes will be awarded to the winners plus the overall winner will also receive a non-uniform day for their class in the summer term.

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Science Week

St Barnabas took part in the British Science Week between Monday 14th March and Monday 21st March. Each group took part in a different activity linked to this year's theme: 'Growth'. Activities included gardening, making slime, discovering about the brain and illusions and life on Mars.

Year 7 took part in a live lesson hosted by Worcester University and took part in different practical activities. Pictures of some of these activities have been shared on Google Classroom. Each teacher looked out for students who showed excellent science and enquiry skills and these students were awarded certificates in the celebration assembly at the end of the week. As well as this, we held a poster competition linked to the theme of 'Growth'. Two children from each class were selected for their amazing posters and they were given an award at the end of the week. These posters will also be submitted into the national British Science Week poster competition and they have been shared on Google Classroom.

On Monday 21st March we were visited by the Science Education Group. Years 4, 5 and 7 took part in a science workshop about Space in which they were able to explore the solar system through virtual reality headsets! This activity went down very well with the children! Thank you to the St Barnabas Friends group for funding the Space workshop.

Well done to the children of St Barnabas for your effort and enthusiasm during Science Week!

Mr Pass



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.



Persnore 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.

Persnore Foodbank Opening Times:
Tuesday 11am to 1pm & Fridays 1pm to 3pm

Drakes Broughton Play Park

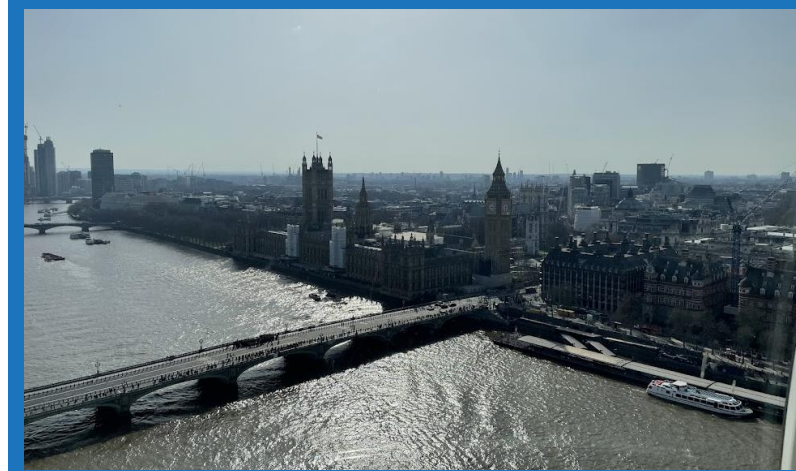
A plea from the DBWPPC: A reminder that NO DOGS are allowed at the Playing Fields and Play Park. Also, please remember that the infant play area is for up to age 6 maximum and older children should not be on the equipment.

The Parish Council will be installing further signage but we ask you to ensure you and your children follow these rules to keep the area for all to enjoy.

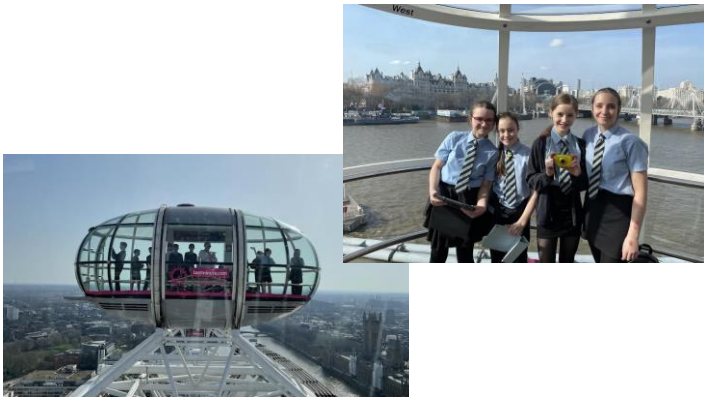
Year 7 London Trip

Year 7 students visited London on Tuesday 22nd March. This was an amazing opportunity after the last two years of so many restrictions. With an early start of 7am, the students' fun-packed day involved a coach tour of London, a tour of the Houses of Parliament, making a "flight" on the London Eye and picnic lunch in Jubilee Gardens.

At the Houses of Parliament, Parliament Education Centre staff ran a tour and workshop with the students, which also involved an interesting film about the story of parliament - a great way for students to consolidate what they have been learning in History with Mrs Reeder and PSHCE lessons with Mrs Richards. After their tour, the students were met by Nigel Huddleston, Conservative MP for Mid Worcestershire, who was very kind to use his break between important meetings to run a Q&A session in one of the private committee rooms. Nigel was asked many thought-provoking questions about his time before becoming an MP, his views on the Prime Minister and his attitude towards the protestors who were loudly campaigning outside the gates.



The beautiful Spring day made the walk across Westminster Bridge really enjoyable and taking in the sights of Central London was a hit with everyone. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the city! The flight on the London Eye was truly spectacular. Mr Booth and Mrs Harding have been going on this trip for many years and both agreed that this was the best view that they had ever had. Finally, ice creams in Jubilee Gardens finished the day off beautifully. It was a really long day - arriving back in school just before 7.30pm but everyone had a fabulous time. Once again, we were extremely proud of how Year 7 students conducted themselves and we have already received great praise from Nigel Huddleston's Office Manager via email.



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/>

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.

School Lunches

New school lunches menu coming in the summer term. More information will follow shortly...

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	PASTA BAR	AROUND THE WORLD	BUILD A BURGER	ROAST	CHIP SHOP
WEEK 2	PASTA BAR	AROUND THE WORLD	BUILD A BURGER	ROAST	CHIP SHOP

ALLERGENS:
GLUTEN: WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE, MILK, SOY, EGGS, SESAME SEEDS, CELERY
FISH: FISH, SHELLFISH, CRUSTACEANS
EGGS: EGGS
MILK: MILK
SOY: SOY
SESAME: SESAME SEEDS
CELERY: CELERY

Children's Mental Health

Everyone across the School took part in activities on this year's theme 'Growing together'. This display showcases the work of every child in Year 3 to Year 7.



**From Everyone at St Barnabas, we wish
all our families a healthy Easter break.
Stay safe**