



# St Barnabas Newsletter

Drakes Broughton | Issue 3 | 2021-2022



## *Announcements*

**School closed (Inset day):  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**Spring Term starts Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Goodbye**

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Payne today. Mr Payne has been our extremely busy ICT Technician for the last 7.5 years. We'd like to thank him for all the work and commitment he has shown the school over these years and that he will be missed. We wish him every success with his new challenge.

Thank you for your support during these challenging times and on behalf of everyone here at St Barnabas, may we wish all our parents a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

**Our Value for this month is**

## **Generosity**

Our Bible verse for this month is:  
'Give and it will be given to you'  
Luke 6:38



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@StBarnabasDB



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

## A Message from our Headteacher,

It is with equal amounts of excitement but sadness that I would like to let you all know that I will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

From next month, January 2022, I will be reducing my work pattern by one day and as such will not be in school on Wednesdays each week. Mrs Richards will be Acting Headteacher every Wednesday until the end of the academic year.

The Central Team from the DoWMAT and our Local Academy Board are working together to advertise for a replacement Headteacher and we will inform you all as soon as this appointment has been made.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working at St Barnabas for the last 14 years and I am looking forward to leading the school through the final stages of the Pershore Age Range consultation process.

Stephen Booth



## Christmas Hat Competition

Congratulations to our winners and well done to all the children. The hat creations were all amazing and it was very hard to choose our winners;

	1st	2nd	3rd
Pre School	Harrison	Sam	Meadow
Reception	Roreigh	Thomas	Sophie
Year 1	Connor	Millie	Luke
Year 2	Miles	Daisy B	Daisy C

## Young Voices Concert – Postponed

This week we have received confirmation that the Young Voices concert scheduled for the end of January has been postponed until Spring/ Summer 2022. We will communicate a new concert date in the new year, however we have been told that all ticket orders will be transferable.

## Christmas Productions

It is always difficult starting rehearsals in November, when Christmas seems so far away but all their hard work paid off. We hope you agree that the children delivered great performances and we are so happy to share their shows with you:

Reception &

KS1: <https://youtu.be/20C5jw1Rnu8>

KS2 & KS3: <https://youtu.be/BT7Uhjy136M>

Thank you for your support for what was a difficult decision to not invite parents in.

## School Admissions Deadline

The deadline for applications for a place at St Barnabas for September 2022 in Reception or Year 5 is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please ensure that your application is submitted using this link: [Worcestershire Children First - Citizen Portal](#)

If you are interested or know any prospective parents that are interested in visiting the school for any other year group, Mr Booth, the Headteacher is available to offer tours of the school. Please contact the school office on 01905 840366 to arrange a time.

## Hygiene Bank

Often people view hygiene products as luxury but they are basic / essentials items needed to contribute to a persons health and wellbeing. From January we will gladly be accepting any donations (no aerosols) of any products to create a Hygiene bank. Please contact the school office or Mrs Richards on [tlr25@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:tlr25@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk) if you require this support.

## P.E. / Games Kit Update

**This is an urgent appeal for pupils to be properly equipped for P.E. / Games lessons.**

Whilst shorts are an integral part of the P.E kit as children continue to have P.E. lessons indoors, they are not appropriate to be worn outside in the colder winter months. Students continue to have P.E lessons which will require them to be outside even during the winter months. We would recommend that your child/ren have the necessary clothing to keep them safe and warm as part of their standard P.E. kit. The details of kit for different age groups are given below;

### RECEPTION

- School house coloured t-shirt
- Navy / Black shorts
- Black plimsolls

### FIRST SCHOOL (Years 1-2)

- School house coloured t-shirt
- Navy / Black shorts
- Spare socks
- Navy / Black tracksuit for cold weather
- Black plimsolls

### FIRST SCHOOL (Years 3-4)

- School house coloured t-shirt
- Navy / Black shorts
- Spare socks
- Navy / Black tracksuit for cold weather
- Trainers

### MIDDLE SCHOOL (Years 5-7)

- School house coloured t-shirt
- Navy / Black shorts
- Spare socks
- Navy / Black sweatshirt tracksuit for cold weather
- Trainers

Whilst we encourage the kit to be uniform and be either navy or black, ultimately, all we want is the children to be dressed suitably for the teachers to be able to deliver the curriculum lesson required. If you do not have these colours, please still send them in something so they are warm during outside lessons.

We do not allow the children to wear their school jumpers or tights for P.E. / Games.

We encourage spare socks to be included in the kit bag as well. The field is wet and muddy at this time of year and no one wants to sit with wet feet for the remainder of the day.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED

## 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 provide more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best;

@SG\_SouthWorc  
@YourSchoolGames



### MEDICAL –

If your child is unable to partake in a P.E. lesson, they must come in with a note from their parent. If this is on a continuous basis, a letter confirming this will be required from a medical professional. Physical activity is a crucial part of the school curriculum and is key during these challenging times in helping with children's wellbeing and mental health.

If your child has an inhaler, it must be taken to the P.E. lessons. Please check they are in date and in school at all times. If they require a spacer, please send that to school as well.

**HAIR** – Long Hair or hair that obstructs your vision should always be tied up.

**JEWELLERY - NO** jewellery can be worn during P.E.

Earrings must be removed. This is necessary in the interests of safety and parents of younger children should consider the implications of this when deciding whether to have their children's ears pierced or not. If ears have recently been pierced, tape to cover the studs temporarily should be supplied from home as school is no longer supplying this.

Even if children are not actively participating in their P.E. or games lesson, they are usually expected to change into their kit and will be given coaching and leadership tasks.

**Thank you for your support**

## Reading at St. Barnabas



We are always looking at new ways to help our children with their reading. Reading comprehension can be tricky as there are lots of skills to master, including inference and predicting. From January, we are introducing Reading Gems. Each gem will be linked to a particular reading skill, e.g. red gem = define. Each week, your child will have a particular gem to focus on in school. They will be taught how to answer those types of questions, given strategies to help them and look at a range of questions too. It would be really good if you could talk about our reading gems during your reading time at home so we have put together some question stems to help you on our website:

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

Please remember to return your library books to school when you have finished, so there are plenty of books for others to choose from.

## Travelling Book Fair

We are very pleased to announce that our overall sales total for the book fair was £725.23, giving us a rewards total of £375.14 - which gives us a fantastic amount to replenish some of the library shelves.

## Local Academy Board Governors

If any parents / friends / family are interested in becoming a School Governor on the Local Academy Board, please get in touch with Vicky Rudge on 01905 700803 or via email [operations@dowmat.education](mailto:operations@dowmat.education) or visit <https://www.dowmat.education/governors-and-clerks/> for more information

## Nasal Flu Vaccination Day

Children from Reception through to Year 7, who had signed parental consent slips received the Nasal Flu Vaccination yesterday. Vaccination UK have asked us to share this survey for parents to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/family-feedback>

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you everyone for your donations and Year 7 for your efforts fundraising on the playground. We raised £178.24 for the Poppy Appeal.

## 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 and currently have sessions available.

Funded places are also available, please contact Lynne for details.

If you would like any further information or to reserve a place please contact me by email as follows : [ldp21@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:ldp21@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk)

## Consultation of Pershore 2-Tier System

The consultation on changes to schools in the Pershore area has now closed. The consultation ran from 11 October to 26 November 2021 and provided stakeholders with an opportunity to share views about what is important about age ranges of schools and transitions. Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Children First received a total of 270 responses from stakeholders, including parent carers, school staff, pupils, governing boards, local residents, other local schools and interested stakeholders. We are grateful to all those who took the time to respond. Alongside individual school Governing Bodies and Multi-Academy Trusts we will be reviewing the responses received and recently held a workshop with Pershore schools to discuss the main findings of the consultation to inform the next steps.

We will now present the consultation responses and feedback from individual school proposers to Cabinet in February 2022. We will notify you when the report is published. Individual school proposers (where the Governing Body can propose a change) and Academy Trust proposers continue to work closely with the Local Authority to form proposals alongside the Cabinet report process.

## COVID-19

### **Vaccinations for 12 Year olds**

We have been asked to direct parents to the out-of-school route as they break up for the winter holidays. Parents of children aged 12-15 that have not yet had their first vaccine can book their child's first vaccination slot over the winter break via the national booking system. In some cases, parents will be able to get their booster at the same time as their child getting their first vaccine.

### **Year 7 Testing**

Thank you for continuing to test twice a week. DFE guidance is for Year 7s to continue to test twice a week through the holidays and report all results to NHS Track and Trace. Please report any positive cases to the school office or Mr Booth on [spb28@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:spb28@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk) up to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### **January return**

At present, there is no change to our return in January. School will be closed on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> for an Inset Day and children are to return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. If the Government and DFE change restrictions during the holidays we will let all parents know the plans for the new term. Until then School attendance remains mandatory and all the usual rules continue to apply.

Upon their return to school, all Year 7 pupils will take one supervised COVID-19 test on-site.

### **School Lunches – Spring Term 2022**

The menu is now live for lunch bookings for next term. Please ensure that meals for the first week back in January need to be booked on ParentPay by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

## **Daily Testing for contacts of COVID-19**

From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

Once notified by Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students are strongly recommended to take a LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [online reporting system](#) and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow [national guidance](#). This approach should also be adopted over the Christmas holiday and on return in January.

### 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.

## Friends December 2021

Despite not being able to run any in person events, we have had a busy half-term raising funds for the school. A big thank you to all who have supported us with donations, Raffle prizes and supporting all of these. As an overview:

Christmas cards:	£245.00
Krispy Kreme doughnuts:	£121.50
Raffle:	£197.00
Balloon Race:	£252.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£815.50</b>

This is a great amount to raise and will support the school in the purchase of a new sound system for the main hall.

### Christmas Balloon Race:

The Balloon Race finished today (Fri 17<sup>th</sup>) and the children were able to watch the win live at school, winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Darcie J Year 4
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rosie C Reception
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sully H Year 2

Congratulations all!

### Christmas Tree competition:

Well done to the winners of the Christmas Tree competition – First School was won by Year 2 and Middle School was won by Year 5 – enjoy your prize and non-uniform day.

### 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. 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!

The Friends of St Barnabas School 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.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to more events in 2022 – watch this space!

The Friends

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

**Facebook:** [www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStB](https://www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStB)



## Do I need to keep my child off School?

We hope you find this information from the Public Health Agency helpful.

**Do I need to keep my child off school?**

<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics				
<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

HSC Public Health Agency

## 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/>