



St Barnabas Newsletter

Drakes Broughton | Issue 2 | 2021-2022



Announcements

Up and coming Events Update:

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases we have taken the decision to alter the following events for the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff:

- Open Afternoon for parents / guardians – Postponed until the new year 2022
- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Nativity
- Year 3 – Year 7 Christmas Concert
 - These will take place during school time. Unfortunately, parents won't be invited in to watch the performances but they will be recorded and shared.

Thank you for your support during these challenging times

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



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Barnabas-CE-First-Middle-School-1784179715240816/>



@StBarnabasDB



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

Worcester News Reception Photo

We have been informed that the annual Reception Class Photo Supplement will appear in the Worcester News on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November. These can be purchased from any local newsagents or supermarket.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Day

Reception through to Year 7 will be offered a nasal flu vaccination on 16th December. Consent paperwork will be sent home next week. Please ensure this is returned even if your child/ren don't require the vaccination.

Poppy Appeal

The Year 7s will be selling Poppies and other items from next week. If you wish to donate please send it in from Monday. Suggested donation for a poppy is 50p and a £1 for other items. Thank you



The Year 7s will be joining classes across the school, interacting in Remembrance Day activities, finishing with a special Collective Worship and 2 minutes silence at 11am.

Holiday Requests

We have seen a major increase in holiday form requests to take holidays during term time. Please can we remind you that the rules haven't changed and parents should plan their holidays around school breaks. In the instance of a holiday request not being authorised, fines of £60 payable per parent, per child could be incurred.

National Sumdog Competition



Year 6 recently took part in the National Sumdog DOWMAT online Maths competition and won! Miss Davies is so proud of them. Next stop, the Worcestershire contest!

Donations

We are looking for donations of any small / miniature toys, jigsaws, vehicles that are unwanted please. These will be for a new intervention project. Thank you

School Admissions

Worcestershire Children First School Admissions Team are now accepting applications for a Reception place for September 2022. Deadline for these applications is 15th January 2022.

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.

Reporting Absence

All absences should be reported to the school office by 9am, either by calling 01905 840366 and leaving a voicemail using option 3 or emailing the office on office@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

COVID-19

Vaccinations for 12 Year olds

At present we haven't been assigned a date for these to take place in school. It is our suggestion that as appointments for 12 year olds can now be booked at the Vaccination Centres, that parents make their own arrangements. We do not envisage our date to be anytime soon.

Year 7 Testing

Thank you for continuing to test twice a week. DFE guidance is for Year 7s to continue to test and report all results to NHS Track and Trace. Please report any positive cases to the school immediately.

iSingPOP



Despite the last minute change in plans, the iSingPOP Concert was a huge success. We are incredibly proud of the children coming together and I think you will agree from the recording, they all had a great time. In case you missed it, here is a link to the recording via our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxpSjn0DJRk>

Consultation of Pershore 2-Tier System

The Pershore pyramid have agreed to consult on a proposal for an area wide transition to a two tier system of education, in conjunction with Worcestershire County Council. The public consultation will take place from the 11th October to 26th November 2021. Additional information can be found on the WCC website;

[Pershore Education Planning Area Review | Worcestershire County Council](#)

If you have any question please contact Mr Booth on head@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk.

Sickness & Diarrhoea

We would like to remind parents and carers that all children who display the symptoms of this type of bug must not attend school for a minimum of 48 hours after the symptoms have occurred. By enforcing this 48 hour absence from school we will reduce, quite dramatically the number of pupils and staff that are being affected. We understand that absence of this length can cause problems for individual families but we are sure that all parents and carers want to work with us to ensure that our school is a healthy environment for our pupils and staff.

Drake Broughton Village Hall Refurbishments

The Parish Council have asked us to remind parents to be vigilant whilst using the car park. Please park with care and ensure children stay away from the fenced area. There have been reports of children collecting balls from behind the fenced area.

Further section 278 roadworks B4084 Drakes Broughton

There will be further road works to complete the section 278 developer works on the B4084 near Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton. This is because the work scheduled during the end of last term and summer holidays was not completed due to workforce and material shortages (resurfacing and white lining). Work will continue between 15th to 20th November 2021. The advance notice should assist you in planning your travel time to school.

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



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to those who have sent in shoeboxes, money and donations for the T4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal. **We can still accept donations next week with final collection of the shoeboxes on Thursday 11th November.**

Coats and Warm Clothing

It seems that the cold weather is upon us so we'd like to remind you to ensure your child/ren are sent to school with a coat suitable for cold and wet weather. We encourage all our children to spend break and lunchtime outside.

PE and Games lessons will also be spent outside so please consider including a tracksuit in your child/ren sports bag.

School Shoes

A reminder that trainers are no longer part of the school uniform. We have now returned to normal school shoes and they must be sensible and either blue or black. Trainers should only be worn for PE / Games lessons (Y3 – 7 only).

Church News

St Barnabas Church remains closed for the foreseeable future for church services but everyone is welcome to St Edmund's for our Sunday morning 9.30am services.

Harvest Festival

The children celebrated together in class with each year group donating food. You will see your kind donations have made lovely hearts for 'Love' and are really appreciated by the Pershore Foodbank.



St Barnabas CE First & Middle School - Harvest Celebration 2021

'Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians ch16 v14



A big

THANK YOU



St Barnabas First & Middle School

for supporting Pershore Foodbank.
Your donations make a BIG difference
to local people in crisis.



Pershore Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

Churches Together in Pershore

Pershore Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches facilitated by Pershore Abbey
Registered charity number: 1133266 Registered in England & Wales

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.

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 or visit <https://www.dowmat.education/governors-and-clerks/> for more information

Cauliflower Christmas Design Project

This week the 'Friends' launch their exciting **Christmas Design Project.**

Your child will have brought home a letter and Christmas Card design on a form including details on how to order. The Christmas designs are professionally printed and purchased on a range of products including cards, tags, wrapping paper and gift mugs. If any other members of your family would like to join in then we do have spare order forms, please email the school office for details.

Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by Monday 8th November.

If you are not placing an order, there is no need to send the artwork back to school.

THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT



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

Friends November 2021

We had our AGM on 11th October and despite all of the restrictions on last year, we managed to raise £3,429.82 in the 2020/2021 school year, this as well as the opening balance of £5,822.33 enabled us to donate £7,917.54 to the school, of which £6,000 went towards the refurbishment of the Middle School hall- - a big thank you for your all support last year.

For this school year we start with an opening balance of £1,371.61 and have lots planned to support the school this year and our first focus is to purchase a new sound system for the Middle School Hall which will benefit all the children (and parents / carers) in future productions. We have a number of events leading up to Christmas which we hope will raise the funds for this.

The election of officers and year reps also happened at the AGM. Unfortunately, we did not have any new parents come along and from the list below you can see there are a few year group gaps. If you would like to get involved and feel you can give up a few hours every half-term, get in touch - your support is greatly appreciated and will allow us to continue running events throughout the coming year.

Election of Officers

Chairman – Sarah Speers
Vice Chairman – Dave Bessant
Treasurer – Claire Marshall
Secretary – Donna Hemming

Year Reps

Preschool -
Reception -
Year 1 –
Year 2 – Louise Winnall, Sarah Speers & Donna Hemming
Year 3 – Mel Smith
Year 4 – Bex Swinbourne
Year 5 – Donna Hemming & Dave Bessant
Year 6 – Claire Marshall, Becky Jones & Chris Graham
Year 7 –

Events:

Donations - to help our Christmas festivities go with a bang we are requesting donations of chocolate and raffle prizes - we will have a donations week Monday 22nd November - Friday 26th November and all donations will be greatly received (flier attached).

100 Club - would 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.

Co-Op Community - thank you to all those who selected the Friends as their community cause over the last year, this has now come to an end and we raise a grand total of £3,420.70.

Watch this space for more info around this term's activities

The Friends

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

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/FriendsofStB



GET READY FOR THE BOOK FAIR

FILL OUR SCHOOL
WITH FREE BOOKS
WHEN YOU BUY FROM
THE BOOK FAIR*



Travelling Book Fair

We are delighted to inform you that the Travelling Book Fair is returning this month.

The book fair will be available for parents and pupils to visit after school from Friday 26th November until Wednesday 1st December from 3.30pm until 4.00pm each day in the First School Hall.

There will also be an opportunity for parents / guardians to visit the fair on their own for a 'sneak peek' after the start of the school day on Tuesday 30th November and Thursday 2nd December between 8.55am and 9.20am.

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.