

# St Barnabas News



February 2022

Collective Worship Theme:  
courage

This term we have learnt about  
our value of courage.



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Good afternoon,

February has come and gone in an instant and we are now half way through the school year. It has been a wet, cold and miserable few weeks but we have had lots of positive experiences in school.

- The children thoroughly enjoyed their Shakespeare workshops and it was a pleasure to see our Key Stage 1 children accessing a Midsummer's Night's Dream and our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed Macbeth.
- This half term has seen a return to some competitive sport, with our mixed under 11 team representing us at a tournament at the Etihad Campus. They won 1 of their matches – well done!
- We have celebrated Chinese New Year with a tasty menu and art competition organised by our catering team.
- This half term has seen some of our classes have gymnastics lessons with a top gymnastics coach and other classes have worked with City in the Community coaches to improve their sporting skills.
- City in the Community have also provided Year 5 with Healthy Lifestyle workshops where the children have learnt to cook some healthy meals such as breakfast wraps and overnight oats.
- Teachers and teaching assistants are noticing a real improvement in learning across school as children settle back to a more normal school routine.

We have been busy planning some whole school events for the next half term and we sincerely hope that we can start to invite parents back into school. Please check the dates for your diary section below.

Our value for next half term is Forgiveness and this will take us up to our Easter celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a happy half term with your children. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards,

Charmain May

Principal

### **Dates for your diary**

Half term: 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February

School re-opens on 28<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day \*

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – National Maths Day\*\*

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Parent-teacher meetings (face to face or virtual to be confirmed)

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March - phonics and early reading workshop for parents of children in Nursery, reception and Year 1

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – Baptism and First Communion service in school

**\*Parents are invited into class at 8.50am – 9.10am on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to read with their child as part of World Book Day.**

**\*\*Parents are invited into class on National Maths Day from 8.50am – 9.15am to see how an aspect of maths is taught.**

**Whilst we get back to having parents on site, I would ask that any adult displaying COVID symptoms does not attend school events.**

Reminder:

School will be closed to all children on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022** for an additional teacher training day. Please add this date to your calendars.

## Staff Update



### Mrs Hoyle

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, Mrs Hoyle will be signing out for the final time after 31 years as a teaching assistant at St Barnabas. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing her a long and happy retirement and in thanking her for all that she has done for the many children and families she has served during her time at St Barnabas. We will miss her caring nature and sense of fun and there will definitely be a Mrs Hoyle shaped hole at St Barnabas for many a year to come. **As a result of Mrs Hoyle leaving there will be no Art & Crafts Club & Games Club after half term.**

Other staffing news.....

Miss Shauna Hunter, who worked in the office, has moved on to pastures new. We wish her every success for the future and thank her for her service.

Mrs Jennings will be taking the position of **Year 3 Teaching Assistant** from 28<sup>th</sup> February and Miss Clancy will take up the role as **Teaching Assistant in Year 4.**

### National School Breakfast Programme

I am pleased to announce that we have teamed up with the National Breakfast Programme and will be providing a small bite to eat on the gate in the mornings from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. This will be in the form of half a bagel for Key Stage 2 and quarter of a bagel for Early Years and Key Stage 1. These will be handed out at the main gate from **8.40am until 8.50am** to be eaten before entering the classroom and beginning learning at 8.50am. There will be no cost to parents for this as it is being paid for by the National School Breakfast Programme until July 2022 and then from September 2022 until July 2023 school will subsidise the cost in partnership with the National School Breakfast Programme.

