

# St Barnabas News



10<sup>th</sup> March 2023



WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

Collective Worship Theme:  
Forgiveness



This week our courageous  
advocate is Audrey  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your warm welcome over the last few weeks. I have really enjoyed settling in at St Barnabas and getting to know all of the children. They are an absolute delight and a real credit to you.

We have had a fantastic few weeks of learning at St Barnabas. We really enjoyed listening to the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 sharing their learning and performing to us in their class assemblies. They were super stars and explained their learning to us so confidently and with such enjoyment. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support them.

We have had two trips linked to reading this term. Year 4 enjoyed visiting Beswick Library where they had a tour of the library, enjoyed looking at all the books and each chose one to borrow. Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Manchester Central Library's Harry Potter experience. They enjoyed a tour of the library and took part in some Harry Potter themed activities – one of which involved owls!



Year 5 children thoroughly loved their trip to Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. They caught the tram to the museum and had a fun filled day learning all about forces in action. They had a tour of the exhibition, took part in some experiments, and even got to meet some working scientists and ask them some questions about their jobs. The children's behaviour on the trip was impeccable, they were an absolute credit to themselves, we are very proud of them!

Thanks to all our Early Years parents who came to our recent Shine Workshop with Miss Cole. These are really useful sessions that we are running throughout the year to talk to our Early Years families about their children and how to support and continue their learning journey at home.

In Early Years, love was in the air on Valentine's Day! The children had a super day spending the time celebrating the people they love and care about. It was fantastic to see so many of our parents celebrate the day with us in our afternoon workshop. A huge thank you to Miss Cole and Mrs Hillock for organising the day.



Last week we celebrated reading in lots of ways and the children and staff all looked fabulous in their pyjamas and costumes on World Book Day. The children spent part of the day re-designing their classroom doors as their favourite book cover and had a brilliant time working out which staff were which in our masked reader competition. Thanks to Mr Sharma for organising a fabulous day.



In Reception class we also saw the arrival of our chicken eggs as part of their Easter topic. We are delighted to let you know that the eggs of all hatched and we have now got 8 baby chicks who are growing very quickly! The children are really enjoying the responsibility of looking after them. The chicks have paid a visit to each class, so everyone has had the chance to meet them.



Each week the class with the highest attendance wins our 'Attendance Cookie Award'. Jo, our fabulous school Cook, bakes cakes or cookies for the winning class on a Friday. Congratulations to Year 4 who were the winners this week and all enjoyed a delicious piece of homemade cake today!!

We are currently collecting for our foodbank and pre-loved uniform bank as part of our Eco Drive. Any donations of clothes, uniform, toys, empty carrier bags and tinned/packet foods will be gratefully received.

We currently have a vacancy on our Local Advisory Board for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or would like to find out a little bit more information, please come and chat to myself or Mrs Stevenson in the office.

My door is always open, if you ever have any comments or queries, please come and see me. You are always welcome to telephone or email too.

Have a lovely weekend,

Emily Kirk  
Acting Principal

Due to supply issues, the vegetables/fruit and salad that if offered on the menu – subject to change



### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for Adventurous Experience Trip deadline

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day – wear something bright!

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – World Down's Syndrome Day – wear odd socks

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Last day of term. Bake Sale

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – School re-opens 8.50am

## SUPPORTING CHARITIES

### World Down's Syndrome Day – Wear Odd Socks!

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** we will be all wearing our odd socks to support World Down's Syndrome day and raise awareness.



### St Barnabas Bake Sale – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

On the final day of this term, we will be having a Bake Sale in school to raise funds for school to support learning. Children can bring in or buy cake/biscuits. The cakes/biscuits will be sold by the Year 6's at break time and will cost no more than 50p.



### Red Nose Day 2023 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

This year we will be honouring Red Nose Day by wearing something bright in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief of 50p. All proceeds will go towards helping people in the UK and around the world, who are facing tough times.

## Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	87.8%
Reception	92.94%
Year 1	89.1%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	94.4%



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS:**

**92.5%**