



Newsletter 8th September 2023

What a first week back! It has been so wonderful to welcome the children back to school after what I hope has been a lovely summer break. This week, we have had a big focus on our behaviour and expectations. We want to make sure we are getting it right from the very beginning so that everybody can 'be their best selves' at St Barnabas. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and efforts from both the children and the staff. We really are one big family! I know it is going to be a fantastic year!

Tonight, children will be bringing home newsletter which will explain what they are learning in each subject this half term. We have put this in place following feedback from the parents and hope it will support in being able to discuss your child's learning in more depth at home.

As mentioned in the Parentmail, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Gunchala well in his next adventure as he will not be returning to St Barnabas. We would also like to welcome Mrs Baker, who will be teaching year 3.

We would also like to ask you to add Mrs Harding in your thoughts and prayers as she has been quite poorly for sometime. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Finally, we need to recruit two Parent Governors, please pop and see me to chat. We will be sending out additional information soon.

I hope you have a good week. Mrs Grice

Fioretti^{*} Trust

A warm welcome to our children and families!

At the beginning of the new academic year, it is the perfect opportunity to remind our school communities that they are part of a bigger family – the Fioretti Family!

Why are we called Fioretti?

Fioretti means "little flowers" and is the title given to a collection of stories about Saint Francis. The Trust was established in 2016 and the founding school is St Francis. The trustees wished to give a subtle acknowledgement to the founding school and therefore decided to create a name with a connection to St Francis.

Fioretti: little flowers – flourishing together.

Our aim: Through its vision and practice, each school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling children and adults to flourish.

It's been a pleasure visiting all schools this week: the training INSET days were busy, yet productive for the staff. The teams have all worked hard to prepare schools for the start of term. There is a great buzz around each school. I look forward to sharing updates on our collaborative working projects and our shared priorities as the term progresses.
Have a good weekend, Claire Grainger. Head of Trust.

All term dates are available on our school website www.stbarnabas-erdington.com

Please see the below summary of key dates for the next term. All of our key dates for the whole academic year 2022/2023 are available on our website. Please check this regularly as additional dates may be added throughout the year.

Date/Time	Event	Information
20 th September 2023	Y6 Residential Meeting	9.15am & 4.30pm
26 th September 2023	Y5 Thinktank Museum	Payment/Consent via Parentmail

School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2024 you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Applications will be open between 1 September and 31 October 2023. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2023. Applications received after this national closing date will be treated as late applications.

The deadline for Nursey and Reception applications is **15th January 2024**.



Social Prescription Support

- ✓ Aiming to improve individuals overall wellbeing and quality of life
- ✓ Helping individuals to feel heard and supported
- ✓ Connecting individuals to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support.

100% of the patients surveyed this year stated that they were satisfied with the support that they had received from our social prescription service

Helping patients become aware that there is help out there and that they are not alone. Aiming to reduce pressure from the GP and help individuals with social issues.

Please ask the Doctor, the Reception Team or any member of staff to book an appointment with us!

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We offer support in:

- Finances
- Housing
- Social Isolation and Loneliness
- Mental Health
- Family Difficulties
- Long term health conditions or disabilities
- Employment Support
- Independent Living



CASE STUDY OF HOW WE HAVE SUPPORTED INDIVIDUALS

- Patient has a long term health condition, feeling very low and anxious.
- Feels isolated.
- They are out of work and struggling with finances.
- Patient is referred for Social Prescription support.
- This can be done by speaking to your doctor, nurse or even someone at reception.
- Any GP staff can make a referral.
- Patient is listened to by empathic and understanding Social Prescription link workers.
- Patient is referred for support to complete PIP applications and financial support.
- Patient is supported to build confidence and commence community groups.
- Patient is provided with self help tools and resources to manage their anxiety.
- In turn, patient feels more in control, empowered and less anxious.
- Feeling fully supported by the link worker.

Practices we cover:

- Shah Zamans Surgery
- Dr Khuroo's
- Reservoir Road
- Poplars Surgery
- Kingsbury Road
- Sutton Road

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Well done to Zakariyya for his perfect packed lunch! Lets see who will be next.

