

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear parent/carer,

My name is Vivien Bittermann and I am the Year 1/2 class teacher and Assistant Head. Miss McVean and I will be teaching Year 1/2 together. We would like to welcome you to the start of a new school year. We hope that you and your family are well and had a lovely summer. Please be rest assured that the staff and I are here to support you and the children. We will be all working together to ensure a smooth and safe transition back to school.

PE

PE will be on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child **comes into school in their full PE kit on both PE days**. This will minimise the amount of equipment being brought between school and home each day. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit:

- **green** St. Barnabas' PE **t-shirt** or plain white t-shirt or plain green t-shirt
- **green** St. Barnabas' **jumper**
- **black** jogging bottoms or **black** shorts or **black** leggings
- **black** or **white** socks
- **PE trainers**

School uniform

Please provide them with:

- **Labelled** St. Barnabas' school uniform
- **Waterproof jacket** ideally with a **hood** to protect them from rain
- **Labelled** water bottle (**refilled daily at home**)

Homework:

Homework will go home every **Monday** as this will give the children enough time to complete it and to practise. Homework will be then **due** on the **following Monday**. Their homework will range from reading, handwriting practice, maths activities such as times tables and spelling. It is very important that all homework is completed to the best standards as this will help with the consolidation of the curriculum.

Spelling test and maths test:

After practising the spelling words for homework, we will have a weekly **spelling test on a Monday** and a **Big Maths test on a Friday**. There will be a prize for full marks!!!

Reading

Reading at home will make a huge difference in your child's school success. Each child is expected to read at home with an adult every day. This is an important habit to build into your routine at home.

All pupils have a yellow reading record which should be used to record parent/child/staff comments. School reading books that are taken home should be logged in the pupils' yellow reading record. Books should be returned to school before a new one can be sent home. If a child loses a school reading book or their reading record, letters can be obtained from the school office.

Updates

In case you have **moved** or have **a new phone number**, could you please let the office know by emailing office@stbarnabasprimary.org.uk.

This also applies if your child is in need of any **medication** or has any **allergies**. Please contact the office so we can update medical records.

Communication:

We are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the year and a successful year ahead.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please feel free to contact me through office@stbarnabasprimary.org.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bittermann