

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 28th April 2017

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Our **School Christian Values** are Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.
This week we found out about St George and also the importance of friendship.

Reminders

Please remember to book with the school office at least 24 hours in advance if you require After School Club.

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Help!

Does anyone have a small trampoline they no longer use? Mrs Maguire would like one for Sensory circuits as our current ones are broken.

Many thanks!

Year 6 Residential

Please can we ask that your next instalment is paid as soon as possible.

At the end of the day

Please can we ask that at the end of the day the children do not climb on the benches. Can we also ask that younger children are not allowed into the outside areas of Acorn and Willow. Often these areas are ready for the next days learning.
Thank you for your support.

Attendance Challenge

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 96% to achieve. Here is the breakdown for each class:

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| Acorn | 95.42% |
| Willow | 86.25 % |
| Beech | 93.33% |
| Maple | 99.17% |
| Chestnut | 92.59 % |
| Lilac | 97.77 % |
| Oak | 97.41 % |



This Week in School

Firstly congratulations to Mrs Tompsett who successfully ran the London Marathon last Sunday in an amazing time of 5 hours and 30 minutes. She brought her medal into school today and I know is very appreciative of all the support she has been given by the St Barnabas' Community.

Another busy week, with I think, every possible type of weather! Please do make sure that your child has a coat everyday as the start of the day can be quite cold!

This week has seen Mrs Atkinson and me observing English lessons across the school. It has been lovely to see the children at work using challenging vocabulary and independence in their learning. The focus has been on writing and we were certainly impressed with the quality of writing produced. We are continuing our visits next week.

Acorn class went to Pizza Express and made their own pizzas. The children's behaviour was outstanding. Thank you to Miss Williams, Mrs Johnson and all the parents who walked the children to the restaurant and back again!

Another busy week!

A note from Dave:

In the middle of June we will be having a creative week with activities for children and adults (more details later in May). A big element of the week will be working with recycled materials. In the first instance can I ask you to donate any of the following:

- Plastic carrier bags you no longer use.
- Used envelopes (any colour)
- Brown paper
- Large sweet bags (Maltesers, Revels, etc)
- Crayons (even small pieces)
- Aluminium foil (unused but surplus to requirements)
- Pieces of cardboard (cut to roughly A4 or A3 size)
- Any match pots of paint (emulsion only)
- Any glass jars with wide openings and labels off / surplus vases
- Any surplus scraps of material

There will be a collection point in the front entrance by the office.

If you have a creative skill that you can share during the week, please contact Dave on 07966 190428 or via the school office.

Dates:

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| Monday 1 st May | Bank Holiday Monday- School closed |
| Week beginning Monday 8 th May | KS2 Assessments |
| Monday 8 th May | KS2 Reading Paper |
| Tuesday 9 th May | KS2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper |
| Wednesday 10 th May | KS2 Maths Paper 1 and 2 |
| Thursday 11 th May | KS2 Maths Paper 3 |
| Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June | Half Term- School closed |
| Monday 5 th June | INSET day- School closed |
| Week beginning Monday 12 th June | Phonics Screening for Year 1 |
| Tuesday 13 th June | Kidenza Performance @ St Johns Church |
| Week beginning Monday 19 th June | Arts Week |
| Wednesday 28 th – Friday 30 th June | Year 6 residential trip |
| Saturday 8 th July | Summer Fayre |
| Thursday 13 th July | Provisional Sports Day (KS2 am/ KS1 pm) |
| Friday 14 th July | Reserve Sports Day |
| Thursday 20 th July | Last day of term |
| Friday 21 st July | INSET day |

Class News

Acorn Class News:

This week, we have been learning the *ow* digraph and the *ear* trigraph in phonics. We went on a word hunt around the school to see how many words we could find with these phonemes. In English, we have been learning to describe insects using WOW words (adjectives) and have been using these interesting words to write minibeast poems. In Maths, we have been learning to read o'clock times on analogue clocks. We had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express on Tuesday, where we learned about the ingredients that are used to make pizza. We all made our own pizzas to bring back to school, and we even had a chance to try throwing the dough in the air just like the professional chef! We also got to try a range of pizza toppings such as tomatoes, olives, and chillies.

Willow Class News:

This week Willow class have been busy learning about traditional poems in English and performing them with actions. On Thursday the children did some independent writing about a toy. In Maths, the children have enjoyed learning about capacity and how to read scales. They have also been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and used their knowledge of number bonds for 10 to find number bonds for 100. In Phonics we have been learning about alternative pronunciation for 'i' and 'o'. We have continued to discuss our new topic about toys and the children have been drawing pictures of toys from the classroom. In RE we have been talking about The Lord's Prayer and the children have been thinking about what the first line means. The children also made clay figures this week, based around a picture of Antony Gormley's work, and are eager to take them home.

Beech Class News:

Beech are learning about Worship in R.E. We sang our favourite worship songs accompanied by guitar and drums. Then we wrote our own worship songs in pairs, sharing them with the whole class at the end of the lesson. We are also finding out about why and how people pray. In PE we are learning the basic skills needed to begin to play tennis; lots of concentrating to use our rackets to direct the ball back to our partners. In Art our observational skills are developing beautifully as we sketch Vietnamese traditional art.

Maple Class News:

The children in Maple Class have proved themselves to be outstanding poets this week! We have planned and written 2 kennings, based on a rough sea and a calm sea. We have observed the rules of a kenning - that each line consists of a noun-noun or noun-verb pattern, they are like riddles and they are best read aloud. There have been some very original ideas and enthusiastic writing.

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions with a common denominator. We have also worked on our confidence with the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Keep working on these so you know the multiplication facts in any order, and when you can do that, test yourself on the division facts.

We have been learning about the key events in the Church year and the colours that are associated with them. The children were able to identify their key colours gold/white, purple, red and green and what they represent.

The children are thoroughly enjoying and benefitting from the opportunity to go swimming on Fridays. Thank you for your support with this. On Wednesday we continue to have lessons with Mr Luckhurst and are now focusing on athletics. Please make sure PE kits are in school.

Chestnut Class News:

Chestnut Class have been looking at decimals this week in Maths and have also worked on problems linked to position and direction. They have been learning the value of tenths and hundredths. In English they have been writing letters from Howard Carter about discovering King Tut's tomb and learning the different features between formal and informal letters. We have continued our Ancient Egyptian topic by looking at the types of houses they lived in and designing their own tomb paintings of them. The children looked at how to describe a setting effectively, building atmosphere and thinking carefully about language choice and punctuation. The children chose a setting to describe (from a beach scene, operating theatre, isolated house or country kitchen).

In Science the children have been researching different habitats around the world and finding out about the living things that make these places their home. In RE the class looked at the inside of a Synagogue and identified the main features and their uses.

Lilac Class News:

In Maths this week we have been calculating angles and using this knowledge to solve a range of problems. In English, we have started our first piece of extended writing about the sinking of the Titanic entitled 'Titanic hits iceberg! A survivor's recount'. Our focus has been on describing our character, Frederick Fleet, who was on lookout in the crow's nest and actually survived the disaster. For Topic this week in Lilac Class, we have been studying the journey and the different features of a river in more detail and have been learning about the River Severn. We have also continued our pastel pictures of shells. In PE, we continued to develop our relay skills and sprinting techniques. In Science, we have been thinking about the different characteristics of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects, particularly focusing on their life cycles. In RE, we are continuing our work about Atonement. We have been discussing the giving and receiving of gifts, how this makes us feel, and why.

Oak Class News:

The children have been working very hard again this week! In our English lessons we have been reading the poem 'The Highwayman'. The children have been retelling the story from a different perspective, focusing on using imagery in their writing. They have also been working in groups, preparing to perform the poem to the class.

In Maths, we have been recapping translating shapes, properties of shapes and pie charts. We have also been working on solving word problems.



Rose Hill School
Coniston Avenue
Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN4 9SY

11am: open to NCT members
11.15am: open to general public
Bag your bargains until 12.30pm

Saturday 6th May 2017

BUYERS: NCT Nearly New Sales offer excellent quality used baby and children's items from 0-8 years. We're a bargain hunters paradise!

SELLERS: Clear the cupboards and raid the attic to earn cash from your redundant toys, out-grown clothes and disused prams and cots. You can leave your items for the sale and collect anything unsold at the end.

VOLUNTEERS: It's our wonderful volunteers that really make our events successful. If you help out at our Nearly New Sale you will:

- Pay a reduced commission as a BIG thank you (if you're a seller)
- Bag your bargains 30 minutes before the shoppers arrive
- Have fun, make new friends & help support our wonderful NCT initiatives

Find out more at:

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SEE YOU THERE!

Invitation

We are writing to invite you to a social event for adopters and special guardianship order carers on Thursday 18th May, 6-9pm at Langton Green Primary School.

This event has been organised to give you time to relax, meet other parents/ carers, have a glass of wine and socialise whilst your children play.

This event is for the whole family, so please bring siblings and partners. We will be providing food, drink and music for both children and adults and will be delighted to see you there!

Yours sincerely,

Cia Merrall
Specialist Teaching Service

Please RSVP with the number of adults and children you will be bringing to Julie Goodfellow: Julie.Goodfellow@kent.gov.uk or on 01892 502466.



Challenge:

Omar collects 66 bus tickets and 22 train tickets.
How many tickets does he have in total?

Samir buys three chocolate bars. A Mars Bar that costs 82p, a Snickers that costs 39p and a Milky Way that costs 50p.
How much did he spend in total?

And lastly.....

Do remember we have a Bank holiday next week so we will see you on Tuesday!

I hope the weather is kind to us over the weekend.

With best wishes
Moirá Duncombe
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