

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

**Newsletter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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Our **School Christian Values** are Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we have looked at the importance of thinking about the words we use and showed this through a tube of toothpaste.

## 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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### DATES

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Half term- School Closed

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
INSET day- School Closed

Week of 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Phonics Screening for Year 1

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Class Photographs

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June Arts Week

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 6 residential

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Summer Fayre

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 4 trip

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Provisional Sports day  
( KS2 am/ KS1 pm)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Reserve Sports day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Last day of term

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
INSET day

## Attendance Challenge

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

Acorn	94.25 %
Willow	93.33 %
Beech	95.56%
Maple	95.56%
Chestnut	91.36 %
Lilac	<b>97.13 %</b>
Oak	96.55 %



## This Week in School

Lots of learning has been taking place this week across the school. Year 1 visited the Trinity Theatre on Monday afternoon and were very excited! They had a lovely time and I know they behaved incredibly well.

Year 2 have been completing their Maths assessments this week and have been tackling them with great positivity and really having a go. We are very proud of you all!

Our running club battled through the rain after school on Thursday and had a wonderful, wet time. Mrs Tompsett has informed me that the enthusiasm of all the runners and the support for their peers is wonderful. My thanks go to all the adults who take part to enable this club to run.

Another busy week!

## DO YOU HAVE?

Mrs Bullen is looking for board games like snakes and ladders, ludo etc. If you have any board games you no longer use she would be very grateful.

Thank you to Mrs Cook for answering our request for a trampoline- we are enjoying using it.



## Class News

### Acorn Class News:

This week we have been learning to read tricky words which contain the sh, ch, th and ng digraphs. We have been working on writing longer words by breaking them into smaller chunks e.g. sandwich. In English, we have been writing our own information books about ladybirds, as well as designing our own title pages for these books. In Maths, we have been learning to measure and describe capacity in the water tray. We have been working on our throwing and catching skills using bean bags in PE, and in RE we have been learning about our local community. We have been making our own collage art works inspired by "The Snail" by Henri Matisse. The children made spiral patterns using tissue paper and they look fantastic!

### Willow Class News:

On Monday afternoon, Willow Class went to see 'The First Hippo on The Moon' at the Trinity Theatre. The children behaved wonderfully and really enjoyed the show, particularly as the space rocket was fuelled by poo! Back at school we wrote thank you letters about our favourite parts. This week in English we have been writing descriptions of characters from books that the class has been reading and looking at rhyming words in poems. In Phonics, the children have been practising reading real and nonsense words using the letters sounds they know. In Maths, the children have been learning about how to read and write numbers up to 100 in words and numbers. They have also been practising their counting skills and finding one more and one less than a given number. In Art and DT this week, Willow Class have made their own brown paper bear and used clay to make an animal they designed.

### Beech Class News:

This week Beech Class have worked really hard. As well as completing a range of interesting and creative classroom activities they have also completed their KS1 Maths SATs activities. They all worked so hard and we are hugely proud of them! They started the week by turning the excellent information paragraphs they created last week into complete non-fiction texts. Then, as part of their current topic, they examined a range of Vietnamese artefacts and thought about what they might be used for. Next they watched a selection of short video clips which showed how different people in Vietnam live and compared them with their own lives in Tunbridge Wells. Finally, they used their observational drawing skills to sketch the artefacts before creating a landscape picture of a Vietnamese location.

Beech Class learnt about the Vietnamese Moon Festival on Thursday in our topic time. We talked about why and how people celebrate. Vietnamese children make lanterns and love eating moon cakes! In Tennis we worked on our underarm serves and in R.E. we looked at how it feels to belong to a faith or a club that we go to.

### Maple Class News:

In RE we have been learning about different saints. Our groups have been researching S. John Fisher, S. Hugh of Lincoln, S. Catherine of Siena, Edith Stein and Blessed Chiara Badano. The children have learned about what each saint did in their life that made them special.

In English, we are working on our selling skills. We have been thinking about persuading someone to join us on our desert island. This has involved us working on our persuasive writing techniques and creating brainstorm about our ideal desert island.

In our Maths lessons, we have been learning about angles and turns. There has been a lot of spinning around to work out how many quarter turns or right angles turns we need to do to face a particular direction. Despite getting dizzy, we have managed to grasp this very well!

The weather has warmed up and we need to make sure we all have water bottles in class. We also need all jumpers and cardigans to be labelled to help get them back to their rightful owners at the end of the day. Thank you for your help with this.

### Chestnut Class News:

In Chestnut Class this week we have continued to look at decimals and how to multiply and divide them, looking for patterns to help us solve problems. In Maths the children worked on plotting points on a coordinates grid, to create different 2d shapes. We have continued researching autobiographies, ending with writing our own version - the challenge was to make it exactly 50 words! The children have been planning a story based on a 'mysterious parcel'. They looked at the features of a good story and started to plan the characters, build up, action and resolution. In topic we have been looking at different jobs the men would have had. We had a go at making Egyptian clay pots, everyone took a lot of time and care over theirs and we are looking forward to finishing them next week. In Science the children researched small creatures living in our homes (furniture beetles, houseflies, silverfish, clothes moth, woodlice, fleas and housespiders). In RE the children worked in groups on a drama, based on The Story of Moses.

### Lilac Class News:

For Maths in Lilac Class this week, we have been identifying the position of shapes following a reflection or translation. We have been using mirrors to check our answers and our knowledge of angles to describe translations. In English, we have finished editing our final drafts of our newspaper articles about the sinking of the Titanic. In Science, we have been looking in more detail at the various stages of the life cycles of insects and amphibians. We have been learning about the differences between complete and incomplete metamorphosis. In DT, we have planned our individual life cycle mobiles with Mrs Smallcombe. RE this week has been a continuation of our work about heroes and being recused in relation to Atonement and Salvation. We looked at why Moses can be called a hero, focusing on his achievements and his personality. In PE, we developed our athletic skills further, improved our relay skills and did sprinting with eggs and spoons!

### Oak Class News:

In our English work this week, we have been basing our writing on a short animation called 'The Piano'. The children have worked very hard to create a descriptive and atmospheric piece that included flashbacks.

We have started a project in our Maths lessons. The children are working in groups to plan and cost the setting up of a theme park. They have worked extremely well together and have come up with some interesting ideas.

Our topic work is continuing and we have been looking at the events that led up to the outbreak of the Second World War.



## Online After School Club Bookings

We are excited to tell you that St Barnabas After School Club bookings are now going online!

In order to make bookings from Term 6 onwards, it is essential that you register with our new system. Please do this at: <https://libacura.co.uk/register/stbarnabas>

All bookings from the beginning of Term 6 will be made online, so please ensure you are ready to do this. We also strongly encourage you to make online payments via this new system.

You will be able to access your balance, bookings and statement at any time through the website and statements will be sent to you on a monthly basis.

Please do feed back to us with any thoughts or issues.

## Online Uniform Orders

You can now also order all your school uniform online via the Tesco website. Go to [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues), search for our school and place your order. You can choose from Click and Collect or home delivery and if you have a Clubcard, you can use that too. Also, the school receives a 5% donation for every purchase and this money will go straight back into resources for the school.

We do still hold a small stock of uniform at the school which we are selling off. If there is something you need, please come to the school office and see if we have it available. Once the current stock is gone we will not be ordering any more.



## Challenge:

Can you decipher these codes:

18 H on a G C

5 T on a F

3 W on a T

26 = L of the A 26 letters of the alphabet

7 = W of the A W Seven wonders of the ancient World

Message from Dave:  
CreativeWeek help:

Do you have...

- Succulents / cuttings
- Wooden Pegs (not plastic ones)
- Fine Sand
- Gravel
- shallow trays / dishes any materials they should be 3cm deep minimum
- Buttons
- any old picture frames
- corks

### **Paying for school dinners**

A reminder from the kitchen that if you bring in cash to pay for dinners, please make sure you write in the book in the hall so they know who has paid!

And lastly.....

Have a lovely weekend- hopefully it will not be too wet!

With best wishes

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