

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 9th September 2022

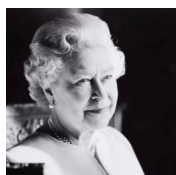
Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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

This week we looked at what is collective worship and the importance of being together.



We are very saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen last night.

We send our deepest sympathies to the Royal Family.

The Queen was not only a leader but also a Mother and Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.



Welcome back!

Welcome back after the Summer break. I can't believe that we have completed the first full week of our new academic year and as the children have settled so well back into school routines and it is lovely to start to get to know our Acorn children. This week some of our children completed their PESE tests (also known as the 11+) and completed the tests with confidence.

Thank you for your patience with our new electronic information system, Arbor. As with any new system there can be a few teething problems so please bear with us as the programme settles. If your child was unable to join a club this time, please email the office to be added to the waiting list.

Our Year 5 and 6 have started Swimming on a Monday this term. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and we have been unable to go swimming for the past two years due to the pool being unable to run lessons for us.

Staffing

This week we sent a letter home welcoming the new academic year. We welcome Mrs Drane in the Office; Mrs Hunter and Mrs Quarshie in our After School Club. We also have Mr Boorland who is training to become a teacher with us this year. He will be teaching across the school during the year and is currently in Year 2. Do look at the class blogs/Year 6 Google classroom for more information.

Thank you

We are sorry to say that our PTFA Chair Erica stepped down at the end of the Summer term. As a school we are extremely thankful to our PTFA for all their efforts and especially to Erica who has led the committee and events through quite a tricky few years. If you would like to get involved with our PTFA please do drop them a line on ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

A Prayer for HM Queen Elizabeth II

Blessed Jesus,
 Lord of Lords and King of Kings,
 we give you thanks
 for our late sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II;
 for the grace and mercy
 she received from you,
 for all that she reflected
 of your gracious sovereignty,
 and for the great love she held
 for you and for her people.
 Enfold her in your everlasting arms,
 grant her rest
 and raise her up at the last
 in the company of the saints in light;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Amen

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at
[kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes
 at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022

For children born between
 1 September 2011
 and 31 August 2012,
 Transferring to Secondary
 school in September 2023

What to do

Choose a school	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
<p>It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.</p> <p>Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.</p> <p>You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.</p>	<p>A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022.</p> <p>If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.</p> <p>You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.</p> <p>You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.</p>	<p>On offer day (Wednesday 1 March 2023) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.</p> <p>You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Wednesday 15 March 2023.</p> <p>If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.</p>

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Thursday 1 September 2022	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 31 October 2022	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentons@admissions@kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 1 March 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Wednesday 15 March 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 28 March 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk or kentons@admissions@kent.gov.uk
 Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.



School Uniform and PE kit

We are very lucky to have Mr Luckhurst supporting our teaching of PE in School. Our children need to have their named kit in school every day. With the changing weather they will also need to have a coat as we will continue to go outside throughout the day to support our learning.

Please can everything be named!

Jewellery

Please can we remind everyone that long hair should be tied back and earrings, if needed to be worn, should be small studs only (not hoops or otherwise dangling) for safety reasons.

Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about celebration. We share our stars of the week, children who are in our Golden books for showing our School Values, team points and any other celebrations from our School community. Today was a little different due to the news yesterday but our stars were:

Kareem, Selvi, Harry S, Sebastien, Alice, Jack, Chestnut Class, Maple Class, Destiny L, Cristian, Tilly, Spencer and Olive.

Well done everyone for a wonderful week back.

Keeping in contact

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher here are the class email addresses. If it is an urgent matter please contact the School office.

Acorn: acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Willow: willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Beech: beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Maple: maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Chestnut: chestnut@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Lilac: lilac@st-st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Oak: oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Safeguarding Concerns

Please can we remind everyone that the School Designated Safe-guard leads are Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Pring. If you have any concerns do contact us.

Did you know...

The School Office is on Instagram:

[Stbarnabas.office](#)

The School is also on Twitter:

[@StBarnabasSchoolTW](#)



Reminders

Please can we ask that we have no chocolate nut spread in sandwiches as we have children who are allergic to nuts in school.

Chocolate should be in moderation and we ask that the children do not have other sweets in their pack lunch boxes

Hopefully the weekend will not be too wet

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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