

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

**Newsletter Friday 23rd September 2022**

*Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.*

[www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)



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.

## 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 every day and we finish at 3pm.

Did you know:

10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost!

15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost!

20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost!

30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost!



## This week

Thank you to everyone who came to our Heritage Fair on Saturday. The weather was lovely and I know the children had a fabulous time and several adults thoroughly enjoyed the Tag Archery!! A huge thankyou to the PTFA who organised the event and to everyone who helped set up and also cleared the site afterwards. I am pleased to say that just under a thousand pounds was raised for School funds. It was also lovely to see over 100 people come and visit our Heritage Display.

This week the children have been completing assessments and everyone has been trying hard. On Wednesday, Year 6 went to the Amelia Scott and it is wonderful to have this resource so close to us. I know that our other classes will be visiting the Amelia Scott over the term.

We are currently updating our reading scheme and also our phonics scheme too. It is lovely to

## Request from Miss Traviss

If you have any spare carrier bags, please could you bring them in for Acorn Class to use.

## Tunbridge Wells Mayor's Toy Appeal



As a school we are able to access the Mayor's Toy Appeal on behalf of any families who feel they may struggle to afford any presents for their child/children this year. If you feel this applies to you, please contact Dave direct on 07966190428 ASAP, in confidence, to arrange a time to talk to him about your child's/children's needs and likes so that we can then put in a request on your behalf. Closing date for requests is 3rd November.

## Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2023

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

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions).

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

#### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

#### Receiving your offer

On offer day (Wednesday 1 March 2023) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Wednesday 15 March 2023.

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.

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 <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions</a> 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 <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
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 <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schools/appeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schools/appeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

### Need help?

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



## Lost Property



Our Lost Property trolley can be found in the entrance of the hall. Behind the trolley we also have a row of pegs full of coats!

Please remember to bring a coat everyday and make sure it is named!

## 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.

Our stars this week are:

Selvi, Chloe, Albie, Tia, Robbie, Rafi, Charlie, David, Shaarvi, Nina G, Liliana, Debbie, Darius, Atiyyah and Arlo.

Well done to Angels who are top of the team points

## 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 Safeguard leads are Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Pring. If you have any concerns do contact us.

## Did you know that today in...



1957 'That'll be the Day' by Buddy Holly and the Crickets reached number 1 in the United States.

## 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

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW