

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

**Newsletter Friday 14th October 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 explored Harvest and the importance of words.

## 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.



## This week



On Monday the school went to St Barnabas Church to celebrate Harvest Festival. For Acorn Class it was their first School Festival - they came with their buddies and were absolute stars! All the children sang beautifully and Year 6 lead us in prayers and readings. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate a gift and also to everyone who came and joined us.

On Thursday our Year 5 went to Herstmonceux Observatory and had a great time finding out more about their topic. Thank you to Dr Charles, Ms Edmed and Mr Mackinnon for taking the children.

Have you booked your Parent Consultation time via Arbor? An email went out last week with information on how to do it. It is a great time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled into school life.

With the change of weather, please can we ask that all children have a coat with their name in it every day.

## Acorn Class 2023

If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, due to start school next September, please get in touch with the school office to book a place on one of our upcoming Prospective Parent tours taking place in November. Reception applications open from 4 November to 16 January 2023 and should be made online via KCC - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

## 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 3rd November.

### **All Soul's Lamps of Remembrance**

At this time of year, we pray for our departed loved ones and this is a meaningful way to remember them. The Parish Requiem will be at 7pm on All Souls' Day, 2nd November, when the lamps will be lit.

If you would like to purchase one or more lamps, please fill in the form (with names clearly written in block capitals) and return to Father John Caster. The lamps are available at £4 each.

The deadline to return the form is 28th October, however, we would appreciate it if you could return as soon as you can, the earlier the better.

### **Year 6 Secondary School**

The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2023 opened on Thursday 1st September 2023 and will close at midnight on Monday 31st October 2023. Apply via <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>.

### ***St Barnabas Prayer***

*God our Father, through your power and inspired by the Holy Spirit, Saint Barnabas spread your word and encouraged others to follow Jesus our Lord.*

*By your strength, and through his prayers, may our school always be a sign of Jesus' presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen*

## 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:

Henio, Elijah, Nikola, Eloise, Iris, Kelliana, Joshua, Vrishank, Zaiel, Aubrey, Heera, Alyra and Ryan. Well done to Jake for his Handwriting Award

Well done to Kingdom 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-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 that today in...



### 1066 Battle of Hastings:

William, Duke of Normandy and his Norman army defeat the English forces of Harold II who is killed in the battle

## 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 and I hope the sun shines!

With best wishes

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