

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 21st 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 a world of difference.

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

Well done to our year 6 boys football squad who took part in the Uplands Cluster tournament on Wednesday afternoon at Uplands Academy, Wadhurst.

Our squad members were: Tom I, Albert, Aaban, Daniel, Harry S, Ruben, Ryan, Seb, & Tom G.

We played matches against the following schools and the results were:

Frant— we won 2 -0 (Aaban & Seb)

Mark Cross— we won 4-0 (Tom 3 & Seb)

Stonegate— drew 0-0

Ticehurst— we won 3-1 (Aaban 2 & Tom)

Wadhurst— we drew 1-1 (Ryan)

The above results made us top of the table with 21 points. We now qualify for the next round which will be played at Uckfield Academy - dates to be confirmed.



This really was a fantastic achievement, with the whole squad playing superbly and many congratulations and I am very proud of them all.

We are very proud to have qualified and really look forward to continuing our adventure.

Acorn Class 2023

If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 - 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>

This Week

It has been lovely to see you at our Parent Consultations this week. If you have not been able to meet your child's teacher this week please use the class email address to make an appointment after half term.

It has been a busy week: Acorn Class had a lovely time at their class breakfast; our football team came top of their tournament; a storyteller visited Years R, 1 and 2; Year 1 had a lovely time at the Amelia and so much more!

It has been a very busy term 1 and I hope everyone has a restful half term.

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.

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.

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>.

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:

Jane, Henry, Lovinia, Hayden, Julianne, Alana, Evie (Yr 5), Ishanvi and Alfie S-C.
Well done to Nihal for his Handwriting Award

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

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

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 half term, see you back on 31st October!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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