

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 11th November 2022

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

" www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk



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

This week we found out about remembering

Attendance



We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. As a School our attendance stands at 92%

Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm. Have a look at the next page about some attendance facts...

This week

It has certainly been a wet week: it has always seemed to rain at the start of the day and I am certainly looking into buying some new wellingtons!

We have had two open mornings this week and it has been lovely to show round families who are looking for places next September. There were lots of lovely comments made about our children and their behaviour.

Today our KS2 children went to the cinema to be part of the Into Film Festival and they had great fun. We have KS1 children going at a later date!

Next Friday is Children in Need and Year 6 will be leading some fundraising events for us. All children are able to come dressed in yellow or spots (or both) and give a donation to the charity. We will set up a donations page on Arbor and there will be collection buckets on the day.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and St Barnabas has its service at 10:50am. We will be laying our School wreath at this service. Good luck to all our children who will be representing any uniformed organisations this Sunday.

We Need You!

Can you help us hear our children read? Our children love to hear stories and we would love to read to you. Whether it is for an hour or a morning/afternoon, your support will be appreciated. If you would like to be involved please let Mrs Duncombe know or contact the School Office.

We look forward to hearing from you and your generous offer of help!

Attendance Matters

Don't let your child miss out!

Every minute counts

What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.

Get your child to school on time.

- If they are late they have a bad start to the day. If your child arrives late for class: they miss out on important learning, which could effect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class

Lateness = lost learning (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
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!

Come One, Come all!



BBC

**Children
in Need**

On Friday 18th November, at St Barnabas School Oak Class are holding a fundraiser for Children in Need. It shall be held at break time and after

school from 3pm and on!

Feast on the fine delicacies and cakes.... and... sip our refreshing beverages!

Also Oak Class are holding some exciting jolly competitions, including who can draw the best Pudsey and various competitive contests.

All funds raised shall be donated to the Children in Need charity and so have some change ready! All bakes shall be priced from 50p to £1.50. If you have any allergies speak to Mrs Mercer or a student. None of the bakes shall contain nuts.

Inspired by Pudsey some of the cakes will be shaped like bears or decorated with yellow!

So, in addition, bring change with you on Friday the 18th of November and eat, drink and most importantly... HAVE FUN!

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:

Lacie, Fred, Ellis, Evie H, Nyla, Mollie, Macie, Year 4, Damon, Ibitayo, Chandra, Lyra. Well done to Aimee and Sesha for their Handwriting award.

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

Date List

Friday 18th November: Children in Need

Friday 25th November: PTFA Disco

Wednesday 7th December pm: KS1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December pm: KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 13th December pm: KS2 Celebration

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Lunch

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

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Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2023

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

Opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at
midnight on Monday 16 January 2023

For children born between
1 September 2018
and **31 August 2019**,
Transferring to Primary 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 Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary 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 **Friday 4 November 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 16 January 2023**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

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

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 17 April 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 **Monday 1 May 2023**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer 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.

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

Friday 4 November 2022	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 16 January 2023	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 17 April 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 1 May 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 schools named on the original application.
Friday 12 May 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 primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

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.

