

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 6th January 2023

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 discussed the New Year.

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.

This week...

Happy New Year! I do hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the new term ahead. A huge thank you for your Christmas cards and presents which were greatly appreciated.

With the change of weather please can you make sure that all children have a coat everyday – and please can they be named.

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Karnati had a little boy before Christmas and both are doing well.

This term we have Miss Bradley and Miss Lewis joining our teaching team. They have settled in well and have enjoyed getting to know our children.

From next week there will be a slight staffing change in Acorn Class: Miss Traviss will be teaching Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Tompsett will be teaching Thursday and Friday. The children already know Mrs Tompsett very well as she has been working in Acorn on a Friday morning since September.

Attendance Matters

Don't let your child miss out!

Every minute counts

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!

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

Class information



Please remember to go to the School website class page (www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) to find your class information and blog page.

A screenshot of the school website's 'Class Pages' section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'HOME > OUR LEARNING > CLASS PAGES'. Below this is a header 'Class Pages' with a horizontal line underneath. The main content area contains three lines of text: 'Please click on your Child's Class Page to find out about their learning this term.', 'Home learning work for each week can be found on these pages.', and 'All video's created from school can be found on the link below:'. To the right of the text is a vertical sidebar titled 'In This Section' with a list of class names: Acorn Class, Willow Class, Beech Class, Chestnut Class, Lilac Class, Maple Class, Oak Class, and St Barnabas Challenge. Below the text is a large illustration of a tree where the leaves are replaced by various colorful icons representing different subjects like math, science, and art.

We need you!

We are looking for two parents to join the Full Governing Body of our school. If you feel you can devote the required time and energy to the role to try and achieve best possible outcomes for the children at the school, then we would like to hear from you.

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the parents' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the management of the school. It's a role that should listen impartially to concerns raised by parents, guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures, whilst presenting a balanced view of issues representing different sections of the community.

It is a key and highly rewarding role on the Board of Governors given its parental viewpoint, and one which has ample support and training. The Parent Governor will join the Governing Body, an elected body who support Mrs Duncombe in the leadership of the school. This includes overseeing the management side of the school, strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. It has 12 members from the church, a staff member and two parent governor roles. Working alongside other members of the Governing body will be interesting and rewarding as those efforts seek to successfully fulfil its duties to all children at St Barnabas.

Minimum commitment involves attendance of Full Governing Body Meetings 3 times per year, usually evening meetings (7-9pm), or via Googlemeet. There are also Committees responsible for Teaching and Learning, as well as Finance and Resources, which meet at least 3 times per year to focus on the areas in question. In your Parental Governor role you will also be invited to make at least 3 Governor visits per year to keep your perspective on the school and how it operates updated.

If you are interested to support the school in this role please let Mrs Duncombe or Fr. John know.

Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about celebration. Today we celebrated the Epiphany and Fr. John blessed the School:



Do look out for the blessing near the front door of our school.

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.

Last call for Reception 2023 places.

If your child is school age for 2023- 2024 please do remember to complete the relevant form online at:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

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 packed lunch boxes

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

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

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