

# 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 continued exploring 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...

What a busy week! Yet again we have battled with wet and windy weather and so it is lovely to see the sun today! Term 3 has started quickly and you should be shortly receiving a curriculum letter about the term ahead.

This week we had School Improvement Advisor visit to look at our curriculum; he was very impressed with the work that he saw, especially computing. Currently some of our children are using some equipment from our local computing hub to support their coding knowledge. Year 5 have started to use 'Crumble' and are looking forward to finding out its many features.

## SIAMS Inspection next week

All Church of England and Methodist schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England, although there has been some delay to our inspections due to Covid.

A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's distinctive Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. They will be seeking evidence to answer the inspection question:

'How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?'

Following the inspection, a report will be written and the inspection findings will be shared with you. The report will celebrate all that is special about the school and will identify next steps that are helpful in the school's ongoing development as a Church school. The report will be published on the school's website, and we would encourage you to read it.

We look forward to welcoming our inspector next week.

## 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.

## Attendance Matters

Don't let your child miss out!

Every minute counts

<b>Lateness = lost learning</b> (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!

## 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: Izzy, Alfie S-C, Fhamida, Eliska, Ekansh, Scott, Lola, Christo, Chandra, Farisa, Demi, Ted, Asu and Zayn.

Well done to Jaden, Izabella and Sophia A for achieving their 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.

**PE kits need to be  
in school every day**



## 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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