

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

Newsletter Friday 10th February 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 crosses from around the world

## 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...

This week we hosted four different schools at St Barnabas as part of an AIM day to promote writing for children in Years



5 and 6. During the day the children worked alongside the author Nikki Sheehan and had a great time

We have two more days coming up this year with AIM; one

with a focus of Maths and one on Science.

This week Mr Luckhurst has been running house competitions and this term it is based on the game of hockey. In both KS1 and KS2 the competitions were very close and in KS1 the winning house was Kingdom and in KS2 Disciples. Mr Luckhurst shared that the results were very close and he looks forward to the next one!

Keeping with sport, well done to our Year 1 who have been working on their Gymnastics proficiency awards and many have achieved their level 7.

Next week is half term and I do hope everyone has a lovely break. I am hoping the sun keeps with us.

Keep reading!



## Future Dates:

### Coronation Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May– No school

### KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 14th June

### KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 15th June

## PTFA AGM

We are pleased to announce that at the PTFA AGM yesterday that:

Sarah (Liliana's Mum) has been elected Chair

Gemma (Oscar's mum) is continuing as Treasurer

Lian (Fred's Mum) has been elected secretary

More information about PTFA events after half term.

## 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: Eddie, Nellie, Nidhulan, Bradley, Mya, Destiny, Heidi, Robert, Ibitayo, Ekansh, Selvi.

This week our Team Point winner was Kingdom.

Congratulations to Year 1 Gymnastics awards.

## 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.

## 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**

**Please remember to bring a coat every day and make sure it is named!**

## PTFA News

The school PTFA has kindly been donated Pub in the Park tickets which we will be raffling off later in the year.

This local and family friendly event will be hosted by Si King from The Hairy Bikers, Andi Oliver as well as Saturday Kitchen presenter and chef Matt Tebbutt. and music performances from McFly, Sister Sledge, Rudimental DJ Set and more! It's the perfect way to kick-start that summer feeling early!

If you are interested in finding out more you can visit the following site:

<https://bit.ly/3Jwogau>

Keep an eye out for the raffle draw in the **summer term!**

Have a lovely weekend and half term.

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

@StBarnabasSchoolTW



# TONBRIDGE

## Amateur Boxing Club



**TONBRIDGE YOUTH HUB**  
**2 DANVERS ROAD, TONBRIDGE**  
**TN9 1TR**



**4TH MARCH 2023**



**10AM - 4PM**



**INFO@TONBRIDGE-ABC.CO.UK**

**OPEN DAY**  
**FREE!**

### St Barnabas' Sunday School

As many of you will know, St Barnabas' Church has an active Sunday School which meets every Sunday during the Parish Mass at 11 o'clock. They cover a variety of interesting topics and children of all ages are welcome. This Spring they will be focusing on the lives of various Saints and will be introducing Panini-style albums with trading stickers to follow their programme. Regular attendance is also rewarded, so please come and join us. You will see old friends and make new ones in the process!