

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

Newsletter Friday 24th 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 started to focus on The Pathways to Easter.

## 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...

I can't believe we are already at the end of our first week of term 4. The weather has been very changeable but it has been nice to have the sunshine!

This week we as a school have been finding out about Lent. On Tuesday children in Acorn Class made and tasted pancakes in our staff room. They had a choice of fillings and I wonder what is your favourite filling?

On Wednesday the majority of our children went up to Church to take part in our Ash Wednesday Mass. The children were very respectful and our worship together has helped start our focus on The Pathway to Easter.

Today we are sending home a letter and a copy of our SIAMS report from our SIAMS inspection which was completed last term. Please do read the report as there is much to celebrate.

## Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches

This week we have noticed that several of our older children are bringing in large sweet snacks for morning break. We have also noticed that many lunchboxes are containing chocolate and a large quantity of sugary snacks.



Please can we ask that if your child is bringing in a snack into school that they bring in a healthy snack. Because of allergy concerns, foods containing nuts will not be allowed for snack. Please always read the label before sending it with your child.

The following items would be good for snack time:

- ⊙ Fruits and vegetables.
- ⊙ Cheese sticks or cheese.
- ⊙ Crackers– bread sticks, cheese crackers, Ritz, etc.
- ⊙ Granola bars or cereal bars.
- ⊙ Pretzels.
- ⊙ Small bag of crisps.

At lunchtime please can we ask that packed lunches are also healthy and that the amount of sweet snacks is limited.

Please also remember water everyday.

Thank you for your support!

## 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: Logan, Adam, Charlie, Fred, Evie, Brijesh, Iris, Luke, Saanvi, Einoras, Eva, Xian, Tia, Izzy and Mark.

Well done to Xian and Jasper for receiving their Handwriting Awards.

This week our Team Point winner was Angels.

## 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

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## 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 packed lunch boxes.



## Future Dates

### Coronation Bank Holiday:

Monday 8th May – no school

### KS1 Sports Day:

Wednesday 14th June

### KS2 Sports Day:

Thursday 15th June

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

Please check your email regarding future events including World Book Day next week

Have a lovely weekend and half term

With best wishes

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