

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th March 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 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 91.4%.

Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.



This week...

What a week of weather again!! The snow that fell on Wednesday did not stay as long as many of us thought. Our thanks go to Mr Mackinnon and John for making the school site safe. The end of the week has brought rain and I hope that the snow keeps away.

This week Lilac Class found out about how much Queen Victoria loved Tunbridge Wells by reading extracts from her journal. We were shown lots of photos of Tunbridge Wells taken during her reign. We looked at Victorian artefacts and in groups investigated what they could have been used for. We explored The Amelia Centre, completing an activity sheet about the Victorian exhibits.



The class had a great time and it is fantastic we have this resource so close to us.

Today our school had two exciting experiences with Years R and 1 going to see "Room on the Broom", and Year 2 upwards being part of an Into Film event – they had a lovely time!

Money Advice Hub Service – Did you know?

We would like to advise you of a scheme that is operating by Citizen Advice and is supporting people in Kent who are struggling financially or need support to manage the rising cost of living through its new Money Advice Hub. The service is completely free and confidential. People can access the service online by visiting www.kentmoneyadvicehub.com (with video call and webchat functions) or by calling the freephone number on 0800 808 5622 by phone from Monday – Friday between 8am – 8pm.

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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 from last week: Lenny, Asu, Elijah, Oliwia, Cody, Henry, Layla, Charlie, Rowan, Izabella, Xian, Alyra, Albie and Isabel J.

Well done to Nusrat for achieving her Handwriting award.

Team points winner: Kingdom.

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.

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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.

Future Dates:

Coronation

Bank Holiday:

Monday 8th May – no school

KS1 Sports Day:

Wednesday 14th June

KS2 Sports Day:

Thursday 15th June



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.

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

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

Have a lovely weekend. Remember, next Friday is Red Nose Day and our children are invited to wear red and pay £1 – payment can be made via Arbor in the School Shop, or by cash on the day.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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