

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 24th 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 93% this week which is an improvement!!

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



This week...

It has been lovely to see you at Parent Consultations this week. If you have not booked a time to discuss your child's progress do please get in touch with your child's teacher via their class email address, which you can find below.



On Wednesday, three of our older children went to the area finals for Cross Country. Mr Luckhurst was very excited to inform us the following:

'A very big well done to Nellie in Year 5 who qualified for the Sussex County Cross Country Finals in Brighton after the Easter holidays. Also running today were both Toms in year 6 who finished in the top half but didn't qualify. All three did amazingly well to reach this round.'



Tonight we have our next PTFA event and I know many of our children are looking forward to watching the film. My thanks as always go to our PTFA for organising this event and the other Easter events next week.

Playground Updates

Work on our playground has started and as of yesterday some of our new play areas have been erected. Thank you for your patience and we can't wait for the next stage!

Litter Pickers

A huge thank you to our Eco-School Council who went down to the park to litter pick. Several bags were collected and all help towards our Eco-School status!

Money Advice Hub Service – did you know?

We would like to advise you of a scheme that is operating by Citizens 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.

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: Kynia, Zayn, Spencer, Shashank, Taisiia, Nina, Cansu, Lena, Daisie, Drisana, Oguz and Tom I.

Well done to Hayden, Eva, Alexis, Lena and Charlie for achieving their Handwriting award.

Team point winner: 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

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.

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 the clocks **spring forward** this weekend!

With best wishes

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