

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 31st 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 92%.

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



This week...

As I mentioned in our last week's newsletter, our Eco-School Council completed a litter pick and collected several bags of rubbish! Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Atkinson for organising our team.

Our Drama Club performed their play this week and were fabulous, with many of our actors having several costume changes.

Our playground work has continued and today we saw the start of work in preparing the ground for our sail. The weather has not been kind, but progress is being made and we look forward to seeing the many changes after the Easter break!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the PTFA Art competition and we look forward to displaying them on our PTFA Board.

Today is our last day before the Easter break and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 17th April at 8:45am.



School Uniform

Attached to this newsletter we will be sharing our uniform list. Please can we remind all families that school shoes rather than trainers should be worn every day. I have noticed that we have children wearing earrings, necklaces and makeup which are not allowed in school.

Thank you for your support in taking pride in our school and to be smart in all that we do.

School Uniform

Pupils at St Barnabas' take a pride in wearing a school uniform that promotes a sense of belonging to the school family.

Winter uniform for girls	Winter uniform for boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ White polo shirt ❖ Grey skirt or grey pinafore, or black (plain) trousers ❖ School sweatshirt* or cardigan* with the school logo ❖ White socks or black or grey tights ❖ Black school shoes (not trainers) ❖ Optional School fleece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ White polo shirt ❖ Grey trousers (tailored) ❖ School sweatshirt* with the school logo ❖ Grey socks ❖ Black school shoes (not trainers) ❖ Optional school fleece
Summer uniform for girls - as above or also:	Summer uniform for boys - as above or also:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Royal blue checked dress, or ❖ Grey culottes (tailored) ❖ Sun hat or baseball cap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Grey shorts (tailored) ❖ Sun hat or baseball cap
P.E. – boys and girls	P.E. – boys and girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Black or navy shorts ❖ School PE shirt* (in the child's house colour**) with the school logo ❖ Black plimsolls ❖ Trainers for field work ❖ Black or <u>navy blue</u> jogging trousers (winter) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Black or navy shorts ❖ School PE shirt* (in the child's house colour**) with the school logo ❖ Black plimsolls ❖ Trainers for field work ❖ Black or <u>navy blue</u> jogging trousers (winter)

* School Sweatshirts and cardigans, and school PE shirts must be ordered from our uniform supplier, Mapac (www.mapac.com/education/parents). All children are required to wear these uniform items featuring the school logo. All other uniform can be obtained from local shops and supermarkets, and also from our uniform supplier. Please ensure that all items of clothing and your child's belongings are clearly marked. Every effort will be made to return lost property to the right owner. Uncollected items will be taken into the school stock of spare clothing or may be donated to a local charity. The lost property bin is at the entrance to the hall.

Jewellery must not be worn in school. If children have pierced ears they should only wear plain stud earrings, which must be removed for P.E. lessons for the child's own safety. If your child is unable to remove their studs, please make sure they do not wear them to school on P.E. days. Children wearing watches do so at their own risk, during P.E. lessons they must be removed.

PTFA Easter Art Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition. The PTFA had a hard time choosing winners as the entries were absolutely amazing!

Our winners were: Olive, Jane, Saira and Heera.

Our runners up were: Robert, Aayan, Alexis and Nihal.



Special mention also go to Saanvi for an awesome egg solar system and Bella-Rose for a beautifully coloured bunny egg!



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: Reuben, Jewel, Henio, Aayan C, Aayan H, Spencer, Junior, Jane, Luke, Cansu, Nina, All in Maple, Sesha, Rowan C, Nihal, Damon, Alfie and Chandra.

Well done to Phoebe for achieving her 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 pack 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 Easter!

With best wishes

Moirá Duncombe

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