

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 5th May 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 found out about King Charles' life.

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...



Today the children have come into school in Red, White and Blue to celebrate the Coronation. Throughout this week the children have been finding out about what happens at a coronation and also about King Charles. Each child will be bringing home a bookmark to commemorate this special event. Do remember that as part of the celebration we have another Bank Holiday Monday next week!

Tonight we have our PTFA Film Night and BBQ and we thank the team in organising this event. I know many of the children are looking forward to seeing Paddington!

Our pond is looking fabulous and a huge thank you to Mr Mackinnon and his team who put the finishing touches to our garden area. We were sorry to cancel our planting session this week and we will let you know when we have a new date.

The children are really enjoying the new playground equipment and this week we have started adding some more additional lunchtime activities. These have included construction kits and also ball skills.

Good luck to our Year 6 children who next week will be completing their final Primary Assessments or SATS. They have been working very hard over the past year and I know they will try their vey best- we are extremely proud of you!

What a busy week!

Term dates for 2023– 2024

Term 1

Friday 1st September - staff development day (no children in school)

Monday 4th September - term starts for Years 1-6

Foundation stage start date TBC

Thursday 19th October - term ends

Friday 20th October - staff development day (no children in school)

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October - half term holiday

Term 2

Monday 30th October - term starts

Tuesday 19th December - term ends

Wednesday 20th December 2023 – Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – Christmas holiday

Term 3

Wednesday 3rd January - staff development day (no children in school)

Thursday 4th January - term starts

Friday 9th February - term ends

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – half term holiday

Term 4

Monday 19th February - term starts

Thursday 28th March - term ends

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter holiday

Term 5

Monday 15th April - term starts

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May -term ends

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – half term holiday

Term 6

Monday 3rd June - staff development day (no children in school)

Tuesday 4th June - term starts

Friday 19th July - term ends

Monday 22nd July - staff development day (no children in school)

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 are this week: Millie, Shania, Sophia, Nikola, Ellis, Maple Class, Lola, Aimee, Tia, Ayda, Selvi, Fhamida and Mark.

Team point winner: Saints.

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

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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 and we will see you on Tuesday!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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