

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 9th June 2023

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God

www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk



Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we found out about St Barnabas.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance was 96% which is fabulous!

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



This week...

It was lovely to see everyone back in school for our final term of this academic year.

Our playground is finally finished with the green soft surface re-laid, fences painted and the sail shade put up. It is great to see the final part of the jigsaw.

Year 6 have started on their Young Enterprise projects and this week presented their ideas to our School Dragons – Miss Langley and Mrs Watkins. I am told they all did very well and all achieved their funding for the development stage.

Year 1 have been very busy continuing to develop their phonic knowledge as they prepare for their Phonic Screening Assessment next week.

Next Wednesday we will be putting out on tables all the current lost property to see if we can find some homes.

What a busy week!

Sports Day

Next week we are looking forward to having our Sports Days. The children have been working very hard and are looking forward in sharing their achievements.

Our timings are as follows:

Wednesday 14th June– KS1 Sports Day

9am: Acorn

10:30am: Willow

1pm: Beech

Thursday 15th June– KS2 Sports Day

9am: Maple

10:15am: Chestnut

11:30am: Lilac

1:30pm: Oak

On the day of their Sports Day the children can come into school wearing their PE kits and correct PE footwear.

Please make sure each child has had sunscreen applied, has a hat and their own water bottle.

Please note if we need to postpone we will let you know as soon as we can via the School Office.



Friends of Grosvenor and Hilbert Park

royal tunbridge wells

Love Your Community Orchard - Venue: The Hub

Sun 11th June 2023: 10.30am

As Part of The Big Green Week 2023 please join us to show your love for our community orchard.

Join FoGH and Iron Spring Morris Dancers at the Hub to decorate wooden hearts and also learn more about the orchard and wildflower meadow.

The Morris Dancers will then lead us to the orchard where we will decorate the trees - a tradition associated with the summer solstice.

Relax in the orchard, and if you have your camera: "Portrait of a Wildflower" is the theme of this year's RTW In Bloom Photography Competition.

We aim to finish by 12.30, but please feel welcome to bring picnics and enjoy the orchard.

This is a free event.

For more information about our events, please visit our website: <http://www.fogh.org.uk/events>

Kent Test registration for Year 5

We have sent out an email to the year 5 parents this week to remind them that the Kent Test for entry 2024 registration is currently open. Please see more information below:

“Registration for the Kent Test for children due to **start secondary school in September 2024** opened on Thursday 1 June 2023 and will close at midnight on Monday 3 July 2023. We cannot accept late registrations.

Assessment is normally done through testing during the autumn term. This year, the tests are due to take place on **Thursday 7 September 2023** for pupils in Kent primary schools, and on the weekend of **Saturday 9 September 2023** for other pupils. Any reference to ‘Kent Test’ or ‘registration’ does not guarantee when or if testing will take place.

The assessment results will be sent on Wednesday 18 October 2023 after 4pm.”

Children can be registered by visiting the KCC website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

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: Nina, Arlo, Elijah, Luke, Brijesh, Ishrat, Joshua, Rosie, Kolus, Jasper, Roland, Jess and Cyryl.

Team point winner: Disciples.

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.

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

Have a lovely weekend and looking forward to seeing you at our sporting events next week.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW