

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 16th June 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 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...

We have had a very Sporty week and congratulations to everyone for two fantastic days of sport! Each class completed their events with confidence and several records were broken! A huge thank you to Mr Luckhurst, Mr Mackinnon and the Year 6 and 5 crews who helped make each class event fabulous.



When I got back in the office yesterday I found that we had achieved the **School Games Gold Award**. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



School Crossing Patrol



On Wednesday you might have noticed Fr. John on the crossing. He has kindly offered to be our relief crossing patrol when John is not available.

He spent Wednesday being trained and we thank him for offering his services.

Kent Test Registration for Year 5

We sent out an email to Year 5 parents last week to remind them that the Kent Test for entry 2024 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>

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

Do you have school uniform that your child has grown out of? Donating it to the PTFA allows us to reuse and recycle items, whilst also offering low cost uniform options to our school community.

Please bring your used school uniform to the school office within the next two weeks. Washed and ironed items are greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your continued support,

The St Barnabas PTFA

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: Imani, Zayn, Shania, Maple Class, Anas, Lola, Lena, Nusrat, Drisana, Yoseph and Izzy.

A special mention goes to Anas who showed a real dedication to his peers yesterday.

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

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 I hope you do not get too hot!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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