

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

**Newsletter Friday 23rd 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 explored facts about the sun.

## 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 very good!

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



## This week...

Summer terms are always busy times and it has certainly been the case this week! On Tuesday Year 1 went to Scotney Castle and although the start of the trip was very wet, by the end of the day we had glorious sunshine. The children had a great time finding the different flowers in the gardens and also exploring the woods to find the Ice House!



Yesterday Year 1, 2 and 3 had a wonderful book experience. Our thanks go to the National Literacy trust and the RVP. The children had a visiting storyteller, members from Lush and the opportunity to choose a book to keep!



Finally our Year 6 went on their residential yesterday and are having a wonderful time exploring the site and creating shelters, climbing and tonight going on a night walk to hopefully tire them out!



## Kent Test

Kent Test 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. Late registrations cannot be accepted. This year, the tests are due to take place on Thursday 7 September 2023 for pupils in Kent primary schools. Further information, including how to register, can be found by following the link below: <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: Evie-Mae, Asu, Mila, Alfie H, Max, Taisiia, Luke J, Kimmy, Jake, Stanley, Sai and Ayda

Handwriting awards go to: Nina, Aaron, Molly, Charith, Maryam, Shaarvi, Saanvi, Ishrat, Evie, Farisa, Vedika, Kimmy and Saira.

Team points winner: Kingdom

## 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.

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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.

## 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

With best wishes

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