

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

**Newsletter Friday 7th July 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 fabulous!

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



## This week...

Well done to all our Young Enterprise companies who, after several weeks of planning and preparation, sold their wares on Saturday. Over £324 in profit was raised and the winning team were Cookie Crusaders.



A huge thank you to all the teams in their determination and drive and also to Miss Mercer for leading this project. We can certainly see in our Oak pupils that there are several budding entrepreneurs of the future!

This week we have had the pleasure to meet our new Acorns and it has been lovely to see the children meet their new teachers and get to know their classroom. Our Year 6 have also visited their new schools and this all tied into our assembly theme this week which was looking at 'one step at a time.' Next week our classes will meet their new teachers and find out about what life is like in their new year group.

Today we say goodbye to Mr Borland who will be leaving us today. He has been training as a teacher with us this year and has taught across the school. We will be sad to see him go but we know he will be back to see us and we might see him at local school events with his own class next year.

## Future Dates This Term

Monday 10th: Year 5&6 Kikit event – email sent out

Wednesday 12th: Year 3&4 Kikit event – email sent out

Thursday 13th: Triathlon event

Friday 14th: Last swimming for the year

Friday 14th: PTFA Non-Uniform Day, bring a bottle to school—email sent out

Monday 17th: Year 6 Production

Wednesday 19th: Year 6 Leaver's Service

Thursday 20th: 2pm Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Thursday 20th: PTFA family picnic @ 4:30pm

*Thursday 20th July is our last day of term.*

# YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU!

**YOUR PARENT TEACHER FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PTFA) AT ST BARNABAS SCHOOL IS A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP PLAN AND ORGANISE FUNDRAISING EVENTS. THE MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS ENHANCING ALL OUR CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE AT THE SCHOOL SUCH AS: SCHOOL TRIPS AND TRAVEL, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND OUTDOOR SPACE RENOVATION, LEARNING RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCES, SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AND SWIMMING LESSONS. ALL ST BARNABAS' PARENTS/CARERS ARE AUTOMATICALLY MEMBERS OF THE PTFA AND ARE WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS, SKILLS AND TIME TO SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING.**



**PTFA EVENTS INCLUDE:**  
DISCOS  
SUMMER ICE CREAM SALES  
FILM SHOWINGS  
SUMMER FAIR  
SPORTS DAY REFRESHMENTS  
CHRISTMAS FAIR  
SPONSORED EVENTS  
QUIZ NIGHTS  
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING  
BAKE SALES  
TEA TOWEL/CHRISTMAS CARDS  
SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP



**COMING EVENTS 2023-24 YOU CAN HELP WITH:**  
HERITAGE DAY AND FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 10-3PM  
DISCO (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)  
FILM SHOWING (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)  
QUIZ NIGHT (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)

**WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE EVENTS RUN SMOOTHLY. THIS COULD BE PLANNING, SETTING UP, CLEARING UP OR SPENDING AN HOUR ON A SNACK STALL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED YOU CAN EMAIL [PTFA@ST-BARNABAS.KENT.SCH.UK](mailto:PTFA@ST-BARNABAS.KENT.SCH.UK)**



## Summer Reading Challenge: Ready, Set, Read!

The 2023 Summer Reading Challenge is now underway. It aims to encourage children age 4-11 to enjoy reading for pleasure. This year the theme is games and sport and sporting (and non-sporting) heroes, but you can read any book that interests you. There are two ways to take part. Firstly, visit your local library. They will give you a special collector folder, stickers and help you find books that interest you. Alternatively, you can sign up online at:

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) where you will receive a virtual badge and certificate. The challenge is to read 6 books over the summer period and you will get rewards as you progress through the challenge. There is also a trophy for the school in Tunbridge Wells that reads the most books! This is a great activity for the summer holidays, and we would love to hear about all the books the children enjoyed when they return in September.

## 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: Christian B, Mahe, Sophia N, Lilly-Bell, Cody, Debbie, Nina G, Vedika, Kolus, Izabella, Poppy, Selvi and Rose.

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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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 the sun continues to shine!

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

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