

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

**Newsletter Friday 14th 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 taking small steps.

## 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...

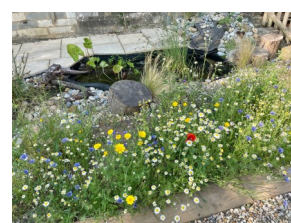
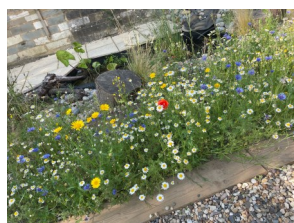
Phew what a busy penultimate week of term! Our KS2 children competed in a Kickit tournament and it was lovely to see so many spectators – thank you for supporting our children. The scores were the following: Kingdom 22, Saints 18, Disciples 18 and Angels 14.

Earlier this month we were very pleased to welcome a beekeeper who came to talk to Year 3. The children heard about what it was like to be a beekeeper :



The visit supported the Year 3 Science topic and we thank Mrs Hawker for organising this wonderful visit.

Fred's mum emailed across some photographs of our garden area and they show how beautiful the flowers are:



Yesterday some of our children attended a triathlon and we look forward to sharing more about it next week!

## Future Dates

Monday 17th July: Year 6 play

Tuesday 18th July: Uniform 'fill-a-bag-for-£1' sale

Wednesday 19th July: Year 6 Leaver's service

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

Thursday 20th July PTFA family picnic @ 4:30pm in Grosvenor and Hilbert park

# 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)**

Lost Property will be on  
the playground on  
Monday before and after  
school.  
Please do have a look!

The St Barnabas' PTFA invite you to the  
**END OF YEAR  
PICNIC 2023**

20TH JULY 4:30PM ONWARDS  
LOWER PLAYING FIELD  
GROSVENOR AND HILBERT PARK

Games equipment  
Drinks and snacks (please bring change)  
Bring a picnic and join us for some fun!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT

## Summer Reading Challenge

The 2023 **Summer Reading Challenge** is now underway. Titled, **Ready, Set Read!** 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. Kent Libraries also have free activities through the holidays—please see the attachment to the newsletter email.

## 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: Catherine, Dexter, Joe, Billy, Juan, Henry, Teddy B, Chestnut class, Ekansh, Robert and Oak class.

Team points winner: Angels.

Well done to Cansu and Heidi for achieving their handwriting award.

## 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 – remember we finish next Thursday 20th July!

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

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