

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 22nd June

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

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

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Dates

St Barnabas' Got Talent
Saturday 23d June, 2-4pm

Year 6 Residential
Mon 25th – Wed 27th

New Intake Afternoons
Tuesday 3rd July
Thursday 5th July

Year 5 Trip
Thursday 12th July

Year 6 Production
Thursday 19th July

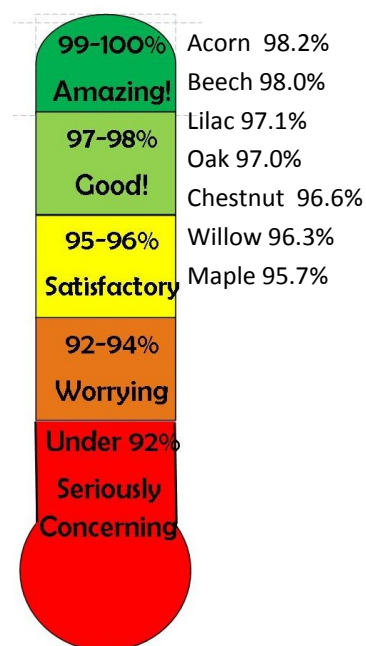
Leaver's Mass
Monday 23rd July

Attendance

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 97% to achieve.

Overall attendance last week: 97%

Well done everyone!!



This week in school:

Last Saturday many of Lilac Class went to Tunbridge Wells library to see if they had won a prize in the Jeffery Hale Poetry competition. Several schools took part and we were very pleased



to hear that Liam, Emily and Romany had won special prizes and Thomas had succeeded in becoming overall winner. He has won £300 for the school which is amazing news!

It has been a very busy week and yesterday was wonderful to see everyone taking part and enjoying themselves at our Sports Day! Well done to everyone and a special congratulations to Disciples(KS2) and Angels(KS1) for winning their respective Sports days. We are now looking forward to tomorrow...



Class News



Acorn News

Acorn Class have had a great week. The children have been thinking about symmetry and identifying shapes, letters and pictures with lines of symmetry. They have been writing sentences, reading 'CVCC' words and consolidating the sounds and tricky words that they have been learning. The children created symmetrical butterfly pictures, wrote about mini beasts, created tally charts, made pictures with 2D shapes, played maths games on the Smartboard and worked on addition and subtraction. During Plan, Learn, Review the children have been: writing, drawing, creating models, using the outdoor classroom and riding the bikes and scooters. They have also been busy preparing for this week's Sports Day!

Willow News

In Maths this week, the children have been learning about money. They have learnt to recognise different coins and notes. They have also been comparing different coins and their values. The children used their knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to solve Maths problems and have also been practising numbers for 10, 20 and 100.

In English, the children have been learning about using capital letters for proper nouns include their names and the months of the year. They have practising writing sentences using capital letters in the right places. In Phonics this week, the children have learnt an alternative 'g' sound found in words such as gem, huge and germ. We have also been practising reading tricky words like through and thought.

In RE, the children have continued to learn about stories from other faiths and this week they heard about the Buddhist story of the Monkey King, where the Monkey King showing the greedy human King the importance of caring for his people.

In group work sessions this week, the children have created their own clay model, experimented with mixing different colour paints, design a stamp to commemorate a famous explorer and played phonics games. This week seems to have whizzed by!

Beech News

In English, we finished reading "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." We then started thinking how to create a book review for the text. We created a set of interview questions and discussed ideas about the story verbally. We then turned those ideas into a plan. Next week, we will turn that plan into a complete review. In Maths, we completed a series of short mathematical investigations into odd and even numbers. We were posed with a statement and then had to collect evidence to prove whether the statement was always, sometimes or never true. In PE we used and applied all the skills we have learned so far in our football unit of work to play a series of short matches. We also showed off our love and enthusiasm for sport at our Key Stage 1 Sports Day. Thank you so much to all the parents who came along to support their children.

Maple News

We have had a lovely week in Maple Class and the children have been working really well. On Wednesday, we had a wonderful trip to Wilderness Wood. We found out about plant life cycles, we explored the wood, followed a trail and some of us built shelters. It was a very busy but enjoyable day and the children were very well behaved.

In our English lessons, we have been continuing our newspaper report, focusing on gathering and writing quotes. The children 'hot seated' a survivor from Pompeii, asking her questions about how she felt and what she saw.

In our Maths work we have been converting grams to kilograms and millilitres to litres. We have also been working on subtracting lengths.

We began our new Science topic this week about plants. We discussed the different parts of a plant, focussing on the different functions of the roots.

Thursday was all about Sports Day! It was a super morning with lots of fantastic achievements and great sportsmanship. In Maths this week, we have also been looking at lines, angles and shapes. We have been working out how we can write our names, to create the most angles!

In Art, we continue to look at colour and how to mix the primary colours to make lots more!

Chestnut News

A big well done to Chestnut on their performance on Sports Day on Thursday. We were very proud of your great attitude and sense of fun.

In the classroom, we have continued with our poetry unit: Odes and Insults. We have moved on to insults.....needless to say, we are enjoying this! We have looked at examples of insult poems and focused on some challenging descriptive language. We have been using our understanding of root words, prefixes and suffixes to decode some unfamiliar adjectives. We have then used dictionaries to check our detective work.

In Maths, we have continued working on our understanding of time. We have been converting between 12 and 24 time and working out when we need to use the terms am and pm.

We have been learning about life in a Viking longhouse, including how they were made and what they were like inside. I don't think anyone would prefer it! We have also been working on collages of Viking longships. We used wax and paint to create sheets of textured paper. We then cut them into strips to build up a seascape and then add our own longship designs.

Lilac Class

In Maths this week, Lilac Class have been learning about compass points and angles and direction. We learnt how to measure angles accurately using a protractor and what acute, obtuse and reflex angles are. We also learnt how to calculate angles on a straight line and around one point. In English, we finished our leaflets about Henderson Island and the action that needs to be taken to save the wildlife from plastic pollution. We also started our individual book making entitled 'Shipwrecked!'. We also drew on the ideas that we had gathered for our homework about the lives of sailors in the 1700s. Dr Charles read us the beginning of Robinson Crusoe to inspire us. In Science, we continued our work about plants. We sorted flowers into two groups where we decided whether they were insect or wind pollinated and why. In Topic, we continued with our work about Brazil. This week we looked in greater depth at the River Amazon. In RE, we looked at Sawm this week and why Muslims fast during Ramadan. We also considered what we would give up in our own lives for a month and why. In PE, we practised our relay and running skills in preparation for Sports Day.

Dr Charles would like to say a special thank you to all the members of Lilac Class and their parents who turned up at the Jeffery Hale Poetry Competition Awards last Saturday morning. Everyone at St Barnabas is so proud of you! Every child who entered received an achievement badge and those who were at the presentation also were given a special Mayor Badge. Our class won four awards in total; poems by Romany, Emily, Liam and Thomas are to appear in an Anthology. Thomas won the shield and a £300 cheque for the best overall entry out of four schools that entered.

Oak News

This week the Class put forward their young enterprise business proposals to be judged by a team of experts which included Lin Watkins, who successfully ran her own business for twenty years, and Jamie, who runs the Bicycle Bakery. The teams were put through their paces and had to answer some very tricky questions but all were successful. The children are off on a trip to buy their resources, then production will begin. We are lucky enough to have secured a spot in town, by the clock tower, to sell our products. This will take place on Saturday 7th July at 1:30 pm.

Rehearsals for Fleece are continuing and we have also started to think about the props, scenery and costumes we will need. Being an Ancient Greek theme, we are going to need a lot of togas. If any parents have some white flat sheets they no longer use or would be happy to loan to us, they will be gratefully received.





We are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at 2pm. Please be there to support all acts, and to vote for your favourite!

Thank you for all your kind donations of bottles

We have some amazing prizes too... Wagamama vouchers... Creams vouchers... climbing centres... indoor play.... and more!!

YEAR 5 - PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ is open and closes on 2 July. Parents will be able to register online by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/ola, or fill in a paper registration form, which will be available at the office after 1 June.

With best wishes

Have a lovely weekend

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