

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 6th July

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Our **School Christian Values** are Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion. Our theme this week is being thankful!

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

Meet New Teacher
Wednesday 11th July

Year 5 Trip
Thursday 12th July

Year 6 Production
Thursday 19th July

Leaver's Mass
Monday 23rd July

Leaver's Assembly
Tuesday 24th July
1:30pm

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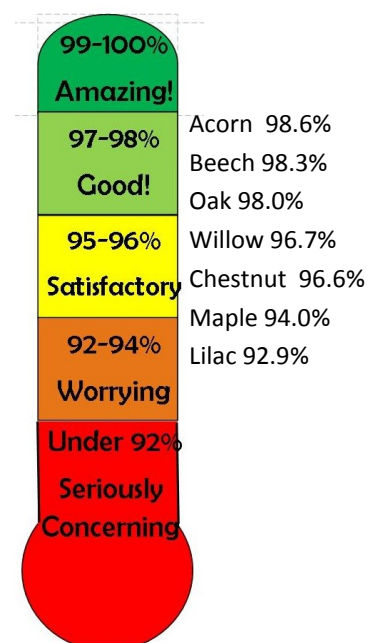
Next week is the final week for all clubs.

Attendance

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

Overall attendance last week: 96.4%

Well done everyone!!



This week in school:

This week we welcomed our new Acorns and it was lovely to see their smiley faces as they explored their new classroom.

We also welcomed Ms Langley to our office team as our new Business Manager. Ms Langley is an experienced school Business Manager and is looking forward to getting to know everyone.

Year 6 are busy in their final stages of developing their products for sale and will be opening their popup stalls on Saturday. You will be able to find them at the Millennium clock from 12.30pm, we hope you are able to go and see them!

A final note regarding hair bows! These should be in school colours (white, blue) and should be discreet—no bigger than 6cms across. Fashion hair bows are not appropriate for school uniform & teachers have been asked to remove non-uniform hair accessories—these will be returned at the end of the school day.



Class News



Acorn News

Acorn Class have had a super week. We read the story of 'The Little Mermaid', thinking carefully about the plot and characters. The children decorated mermaids, wrote their own 'Sea Adventure', created acrostic poems and acted out the story. In Phonics they have been looking at two syllable words and working hard on their spelling. In Maths the children have been looking at 2 digit numbers and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. During Plan, Learn, Review the children have used the outdoor area and the iPads, they have also been writing letters, using the Maths resources and building with the construction materials.

Willow News

In Maths this week, the children have been learning about time. They have been using plastic clocks to find half past and o'clock times. The children have also been reading the times on printed clocks and learning about time measurements, like seconds, minutes and hours. In English, the children have written an acrostic poem about Summer and been doing activities based on The Owl and The Pussycat by Edward Lear. They produced lovely story maps of the poem and used these to write about the story. In Phonics the children have been practising tricky words and learnt about the alternative 'ch' sound such as in chord, Christmas and chemical. In RE, we have talked about Diwali and how Hindus celebrate the 'festival of light'. The children designed their own mehndi pattern. In group work the children have been practising their handwriting, reading with an adult and using the iPads to play phonics games.

Beech News

In English, we completed our 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' book reviews. We focused on turning the question prompts and bullet points in our plans into full sentences. We also considered how we could vary our sentence structures to engage with our audience. In Maths, we continued to develop the fluency of our knowledge of doubles and halves. We then used this fluency to help solve a reasoning problem. In Science we created a Yes/No sorting diagram on paper. We then used our ICT skills to create a digital version of the document. On Friday, the award winning author, Ross Montgomery, visited Beech Class. He led a workshop on his book, 'Space Tortoise'. We are going to use this visit as the inspiration for our next writing project.

RE - what is Tzedakah and why is it important for Jewish people? "Tzedakah" comes from the Hebrew word "tzedak", which means righteousness or justice, so giving Tzedakah is not just a nice thing to do but the right thing to do. We are making Charity boxes, not just with the idea of money, but with the thoughts of how can we help other people in our street, town, country and world.

Our sewing is progressing, growing creativity and patience in all of us!!

The Ross Montgomery workshop has been much anticipated and was definitely a highlight of the week. Follow up art work has already begun with other ideas being discussed.

We have been writing an adventure story loosely based on 'The Snail and the Whale', creating our own characters, destinations, problems and solutions. These stories have made it through the planning stages and are now entering their final drafts.

In Maths we looked at some shape problems which challenged our concentration and detective skills.

Oak News

Oak Class have been busy with their Young Enterprise projects and are looking forward to selling their goods on Saturday. We have continued to work towards our end of term production and are working hard in learning our lines and making sure we are on stage at the correct time!

Transition days are starting and the children, although nervous, are enjoying finding out more about their new schools.

Today we say goodbye to Petar as he leaves the school and we wish him well at St Gregs in September.

Maple News

In English this week, we have been writing the final paragraph of our newspaper reports. The children have added more information and they have also used rhetorical questions. We have been revisiting written methods of multiplication in our Maths lessons, making sure that our work is set out correctly. In Science, we have been learning about pollination and looking at the functions of different parts of a plant. We have also completed our bean diaries, looking at how the roots are developing.

We have been investigating ways to use IT to print our newspaper reports and to learn our times tables. The children have all been given their Purple Mash log-ins again and can use these at home if they wish. Our handwriting continues to improve during our paired handwriting activities and we have been painting our bee houses.

Chestnut News

Our English work has centred around reading and note taking. We are creating fact booklets on Viking life. We have read extracts from a variety of non-fiction books and worked on taking down key information in our note books. From those notes we have organised our information under subheadings reading to produce our booklets.

In Maths we have continued with our work on data. We have moved on to look at line graphs and how we represent data using them. We have been problem solving by thinking about whether data is discrete or continuous.

We did further work on food chain in Science so we could best understand how producers factor in to the chain. We came up with our own food chains that contained produced and primary, secondary and tertiary consumers.

We have had a very exciting visit from the author Ross Montgomery. More about that next week!

Lilac Class

In Maths this week, Lilac Class have been learning about plotting coordinates and the x and y axis. We have also been using mirrors to draw a reflection of a shape on a grid along a line of symmetry. In English, we have continued with our books entitled 'Shipwrecked!', finishing off and levelling up Chapter Two: 'Survival on my island'. An author also visited us and we were involved in a workshop. In RE, we have been learning about Hajj and why once in their lives, Muslims hope to have completed The Fifth Pillar of Islam. We found out what the hajj involved and why the Kaaba or 'Cube' is so important. We then moved on and thought about what journey we would like to go on in our lives that would improve us as a person. In Topic, we looked carefully at a map of Brazil that showed the different vegetation that can be found in this big country. We then drew our own maps with a key so that the different types of vegetation could be clearly identified. Dr Charles also showed us some photos that one of her friends had taken from a small aeroplane. We looked at photos of the Andes Mountains where the Amazon River begins and the land around the Amazon River where we could see very green tall trees and lots of streams that run between the trees. There were pictures of the people who lived in the Amazonian Rainforest and also close up photos of some beautiful butterflies, parrots and a humming bird. In PE, we worked through a selection of field and track activities.

On Tuesday, Lilac Class visited Skinners Kent Academy. We had an exciting day finding out what a secondary school is like. We had a cookery lesson and made fruit buns that we ate at break, a ICT lesson about designing a Star Wars game and we also had a really exciting Science lesson where we learnt how to light a Bunsen burner correctly and found out how different solutions changed the colour of the pale blue flame created when the gas was coming out with great force. We were asked to predict what we thought the unknown solution was. We ate in the school cafeteria and played on the school's playgrounds at break times.

Please remember that on Thursday 12th July we are going on our Hastings trip.



On this day in history:

1997 Pete Sampras achieved his 10th Grand Slam title

1964 Beatles' film 'Hard Day's Night' premiers in London

1952 Last tram ride in London

1942 Anne Frank's family goes into hiding



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



The Summer Reading Challenge 2018 will be called Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title The Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.

Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

Enjoy the sunshine, football and tennis this weekend. Do remember the Year 6 sale.

With best wishes

Have a lovely weekend

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