

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

Newsletter Friday 29th September 2023

*Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.*

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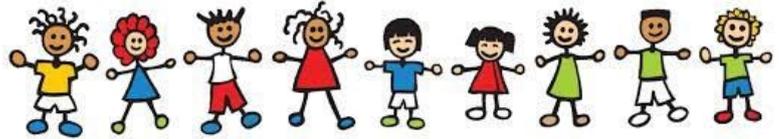


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we reminded ourselves about who St Barnabas was.

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target



this year is 97%. Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.

Since the start of term our class attendance is the following:

Willow: 93.44%

Beech: 92.74%

Maple: 96.01%

Chestnut: 94.83%

Lilac: 94.83%

Oak: 94.32%

Acorn Class: 87.48%

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason.

The website is: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Harvest Festival

Our School Harvest Festival is on Friday 6th October at 9:15am at St Barnabas Church.

We will be collecting dried/tinned food for the local food-bank which the children will be sharing during the service. You are very welcome to join us if you are able to.



## 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: Ayda, Heera, Lena, Myla-Rose, all of Chestnut, Salah and Kynia.

It is lovely to hear from our Basketball coach who informs us that the Basketball club are fabulous and how well they listen and behave. I hear they are being taught at a much higher level than other clubs!

Team point winners this week to be shared on Monday

## 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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) Willow: [willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

Beech: [beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) Maple: [maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

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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**

We are hoping the roadworks outside the school are completed quickly and John can go back to supporting crossing by the Zebra Crossing.

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

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