

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

Newsletter Friday 6th October 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 was giving thanks.

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 93.76%.



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

## This Week...

This week has been a week of celebration with our outdoor learning space achieving a Gold award in the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom Awards!!

Mrs Watkins, Ekansh and Heera represented the school and went to the Awards Ceremony and were very excited to share the result. A huge thank you to our Gardening Clubs and everyone who has helped to make our outdoor space such a wonderful place.

On Thursday our Eco-School led an assembly to share about what



the Eco-school committee does and celebrate that we had been awarded

an Eco-School Flag. The committee had also been awarded an International Eco-Schools Award Certificate with distinction.



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Today we had our Harvest Festival and had a wonderful celebration together. Our Year 6 supported their buddies during the service and it is lovely to see their partnerships developing. A huge thank you to everyone for their kind gifts which will be going to our local Foodbank.

Tonight we have a puppet performance of The King of Nothing which is being run by the PTFA and School.

What a busy and fabulous week!

## Attendance

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

Willow: 93.56%

Beech: 93.34%

Maple: 95.91%

Chestnut: 95.57%

Lilac: 94.32%

Oak: 94.28%

Acorn Class attendance : 87.90%

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 them know that your child won't be in and the reason why.

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

## Sport News

On Thursday our Cross Country team represented our school at the Uplands Cluster Cross Country on Thursday at Wadhurst. This was a school games qualifying competition for years 5 & 6 with the top 20 in each race going through to the next round at Beacon Academy. In the year 5 girls race, Alexis came 11th, Myla 17th and Zoe 18th, qualifying for Beacon as did Rafi who came 12th and Oscar 14th in the race. Year 6 races Charlie-J came 7th and Oscar 14th with Alice qualifying in 12th place. We now await information for the next round dates for the successful 8 pupils.

For the year 3&4 ages it was a competitive cluster event only.

Third place Molly received a medal in the year 3&4 Girls race and best place in the year 3&4 boys race was Henry in 10th position.

Thank you for all parents that provided transport and a special thanks to Mrs Scammell in the office for all her help behind the scenes.

Well done to the whole squad - Henry, Charith, Alexis, Alice, Lena, Oscar, Christian, Francesco, Jasper, Rafi, Lilliana, Alicia, Charlie-J, Ellis, Myla, Zoe, Molly and Saira.



## Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about celebration and this week we have our Harvest Festival. A huge thank you to everyone for your kind gifts which will be given to our local foodbank. In our usual Friday 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:

Well done to Daisy who has achieved her Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Well done to all our Cross Country team.

Team point winners this week to be shared next week.

## 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.

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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 pack lunch boxes**

Have a lovely weekend

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

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