

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Thursday 19th October 2023

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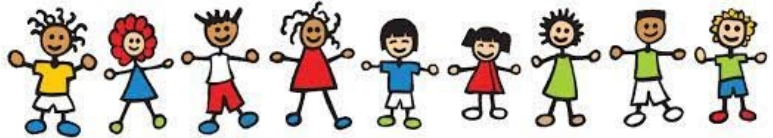


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we were reminded about challenging ourselves.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 93.71%.



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

This Week...

As I write this newsletter I can hear the rain pouring outside and listening to the weather forecast. I think we are in for some very wet and windy weather! As the weather does get colder please do make sure your child brings a coat with them everyday as we do try and get outside as much as possible.

This week we have had some Pumpkin fun from trying to guess the name of the smallest pumpkin and also some very tasty pumpkin pies!

Mrs Mackinnon reports that:



"Today the KS2 Gardening Club had a little end-of-term tea party in the shed, where we tasted the salad, spinach and carrots that we have been growing. We ate them with our homemade flavoured vinegars and lavender syrup, as well as freshly-baked bread rolls!

The children were really brave about trying the bold flavours, and we had a lot of fun. We also celebrated raising in excess of £50 from our produce sales this term."

Last Friday we had our School disco and our thanks go to the PTFA. The children had a fabulous time and over £600 was raised for PTFA funds which is amazing news!"

On Tuesday Year 6 took part in a 'Re-start a heart session' run by the Kent fire service had a hands on session on how to carry out basic CPR. It was a very useful and informative session!

Yesterday, Year 5 went to Herstmonceaux Observatory and had a great time finding out more about their space topic. Here are some photographs from the trip from their workshop on the 'Sun, Earth and Moon and of the 'Hands on Activities':



Tomorrow is a School INSET day and so no children are in school. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 30th October at 8:30am and do remember the clocks 'fall' back on the weekend before!

Have a lovely autumn break!

Tunbridge Wells Mayor's Toy Appeal



As a school we are able to access the Mayor's Toy Appeal on behalf of any families who feel they may struggle to afford any presents for their child/children this year. If you feel this applies to you, please contact Dave direct on 07966190428 ASAP, in confidence, to arrange a time to talk to him about your child's/children's needs and likes so that we can then put in a request on your behalf. Closing date for requests is 10th November.

Acorn Class 2024

If you have a child born between 1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020, so due to start school next September, please get in touch with the school office to book a place on one of our upcoming Prospective Parent tours taking place in November. Reception applications open on Friday 3 November 2023 and close at midnight on Monday 15 January 2024. Applications should be made online – <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Parent Consultations

It has been lovely to see you at our Parent Consultations this week. If you have not been able to meet your child's teacher, please use the class email address to make an appointment after half term.

Acorn class will also be meeting their teacher after half term.

Year 6 Secondary School

The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2024 opened on Friday 1st September 2024 and will close at midnight on Tuesday 31st October 2024. Apply via <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>.

Attendance this term

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

Willow: 93.71%

Beech: 93.39%

Maple: 95.43%

Chestnut: 96.19%

Lilac: 94.15%

Oak: 94.01%

Acorn Class attendance : 88.22%

Friday Worship

In our 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:

A special well done to Jasper in Year 6 who has continued to excel at his Badminton. At his latest competition he went to Reading for Berkshire U13 Bronze badminton tournament and got all 3 colours of medals. He got a gold in mixed double(1st), a silver in boys single(2nd) and bronze in boys double(3rd).

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

Beech: beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Maple: maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN SCHOOL!

Our caterers are looking for two new members of staff to work in our school kitchen. Both jobs are suitable for working parents.

School Kitchen Manager/Cook: This is for 29.5 hours per week during term time. A catering background is preferable.

Kitchen Assistant: This is for 16 hours a week during term time at £10.42ph. Again, a catering background is preferable, but not essential.

For more information, please contact the Operations Manager, Hilde-Marie Smith on 07908 662878 or Hildemarie.smith@sodexo.com

Have a wonderful autumn half term and hopefully it won't rain every day!!
Congratulations to Rafi who named the pumpkin as Boop!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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