

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th November 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 spent time on the importance of remembering.

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 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.

This Week...

Last week Year 6 celebrated their Greek Day to support their topic learning. Many of the children dressed up as Greeks:



The children found out more about Greek culture,

language, food and also designed their own Greek plates. We look forward to seeing their finished results.

Our School Council met this week and began to share some of their ideas to make play times even better. They have been challenged to go back to their classes and feed back at their next meeting.

Yesterday KS2 went to the Trinity Theatre as part of the Into-Film project to watch Matilda. They all had a fabulous time. Yesterday also saw two of our Year 2 take part in a special Lego event to find out about some new Lego that has been created for schools. They had a great time and it was lovely to hear that on both occasions our children were outstanding ambassadors for St Barnabas – well done everyone!



Remembrance Day



Today during our worship we stood quietly and remembered all those who have died and suffered in wars. On Sunday several of our children will be taking part in Remembrance Parades in Tunbridge Wells. We will be laying our School Wreath at St Barnabas Church; if you would like to join us the service begins at 10:50am. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Poppy Appeal.

School Dates– Term 2

14th November	Open Morning for Acorn 2024
16th November	Year 2 Trip
17th November	Children in Need – children can wear their own clothes and bring in a donation or pay on Arbor
1st December	Flu Immunisation – please ensure to give your consent to the Kent Health team – reminder coming next week
4th December	Year 2 trip
5th December	Year 5 singing carols
	More information will be sent out regarding below:
12th December	KS1 Nativity @2pm
13th December	KS1 Nativity @2pm
14th December	Pantomime – Years 1– 6
15th December	Christmas Meal
15th December	KS2 Carol Service @2pm
15th December	PTFA event
18th December	Class parties

Acorn Class 2024

If you have a child born between 1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020, 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 closes at midnight on Monday 15 January 2024. should be made online via KCC- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

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:

Well done to: Khloe, Anamika, Ajus, Aayan C, Maple Class, Julia, Alicia, Bella-Rose, Zoe, Tia and Jasper.

Handwriting awards: Myla-Rose and Aiyana.

Special mentions for Luke for his great sportsmanship in boxing club, plus to Fred and Elijah who were so well behaved at the school Lego workshop.

Well done to Angels for the most team points this 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.

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.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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