

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 17th 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 have found out about Anti-bullying week and Children in Need.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 93.63%.



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

This Week...

A huge well done to all our children and staff who took part in Remembrance parades on Sunday. As a school we laid a wreath at St Barnabas Church during their Parish Mass.

This week has been very busy with our second open morning for prospective families for our Acorn Class in September 2024. It was a very rainy morning but the children were pleased to share their learning with our visitors.



Our gardening club harvested some of their garden salad leaves on Wednesday. From selling their produce, the club have been able to purchase their own greenhouse and are currently deciding what they would like to plant next.

On Thursday Year 2 went to the Trinity Theatre to take part in the Into Film Festival. Although initially the film had a few teething problems, the children waited patiently and had a fabulous time.

Cross Country News

Mr Luckhurst writes:

Well done to those who qualified for the North Wealden cross county finals at Beacon Academy on Wednesday 15th November. Over 320 children attended and took part.

Many thanks also go to parents who stood and watched in the extremely muddy field. Each of the four races were over approximately 1.5K which I'm told felt more like double that in the testing conditions. Sadly, we didn't have any finishers in the top 20 of each race which would have meant going forward to the county finals next year.

Well done to Myla coming in 78th place, Alexis 81st and Zoe 82nd in the year 5 girls race.

Oscar was 52nd and Rafi 60th in the year 5 boys.

Alice came 71st in the year 6 girls and Charlie 71st in the year 6 boys race.



A big thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need today. As a school we have raised over £150 so far—if you want to, you can donate via the School Shop in Arbor until Thursday 30th November.

School Dates– Term 2

1st December	Flu Immunisation
4th December	Year 2 trip
5th December	Year 5 singing carols
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 with raffle
18th December	Class parties
19th December	Last day of term

Acorn Class 2024

If you have a child born between 1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020, due to start school next September, you can now apply for their place. Applications opened on Friday 3 November 2023 and will close at midnight on Monday 15th January 2024.

Applications should be made online via KCC:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...



Have the best possible start in life!

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: Eddie, Catherine, Fred, Tilly, Benedita, Christian, Max, Cansu, Farisa, Christo, Rowan, Alana and Roland.

Also Mya and Rafi for their efforts on Remembrance Day with special mentions also for Evie, Oscar, Hayden and Rowan who were on parade.

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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