

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

Newsletter Friday 1st December 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 Stir Up Sunday.

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 93.15%.



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



This week we had the Local Authority Attendance Officer visit us to discuss the school attendance figures:

Did you know that if your child has more than 10 unauthorised absences across the year your family could be fined!

Do login to your Arbor account to review your child's attendance.

## This Week...

What a busy week! Children have been rehearsing their Christmas celebrations for KS1 and KS2 and the singing is sounding fabulous! Thank you to everyone who has brought in costumes and also items for their class hampers.

On Wednesday, Acorn class went to the Post Office to deliver their letters to Father Christmas and also to the Amelia for story time and completing some Christmas craft. The children had a fabulous time and our thanks go to all the parents who offered their services.

Yesterday the School Nurse visited to complete Height and Weight checks for Years R and 6. As she left shared how polite and helpful our children were which is lovely to hear!

Today Year 2 went to the park to explore and to forage to create some woodland Christmas crafts for our Christmas fair. We can't wait to see their completed efforts!



# PTFA

In order to help get the St Barnabas Community in the festive spirit, the PTFA warmly invite you to their programme of festive events...

## Hot Chocolate Sales:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December: 2.45 to 3.30pm

Grab a hot drink and a sweet treat to warm your spirits on a cold afternoon. Prices 50p - £2. Please bring change. If you are feeling festive, why not join us for some community-spirit carols too on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - song sheets will be provided!

## Christmas Film:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: 3.00 to 4.00pm

Pupils are invited to join us to watch **Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas (U)**. The film starts straight after school, so pupils can be dropped off at the film by their class teachers. All pupils attending the film must be collected by their designated adult at 4pm. A festive tuck shop will be available. After the film, there will be time for pupils to visit the Festive Fair, but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the film must be booked in advance in the Arbor School Shop.

## Festive Fair:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: 2.45 to 5.00pm

All members of the St Barnabas Community are invited to the St Barnabas PTFA Festive Fair. We warmly welcome you to browse the stalls, do some Christmas shopping, play some games, enjoy a festive treat or do a craft activity. We will also be announcing the winners of the Class Hamper Raffle at 4:45pm!

## Class Hampers:

Each class is invited to donate goodies to create a colour-themed Christmas hamper. The hampers will be raffled off at the Festive Fair. As an extra incentive, Mrs Duncombe will pick the best-looking hamper and the prize will be pizza for the whole class! Here are this year's colours:

Acorn - Blue

Willow - Green

Beech - Purple/pink

Maple - Gold

Chestnut - Orange

Lilac - Red

Oak - Silver

Please hand donations to class teachers. The deadline for hampers is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Buy your raffle tickets online in the Arbor School Shop, or in person at the Festive Fair. Good luck!

## 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:

Luca, Aiden, Liliana, Lily, Teddy B, Oliwier, Rosie, Nusrat and Drisana.

A special well done to Jasper for his amazing times table knowledge.

Well done to Disciples 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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) Willow: [willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:willow@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.**

Keep warm this weekend!

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

## School Dates – Term 2

4th December	Flu Immunisation and Year 2 trip
5th December	Year 5 singing carols
12th December	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
13th December	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
14th December	Pantomime: Years 2 – 6
15th December	Christmas Lunch
15th December	KS2 Carol Service @ 2pm
15th December	PTFA event
18th December	Class parties
19th December	Pantomime: Years R & 1 Last day of term