

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

**Newsletter Friday 16th October 2020**

*Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.*

*" [www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)*



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

This week we explored the importance of giving.

## 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

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### Dates

Thursday 22nd October  
Wacky Hair Day

Friday 23rd October  
INSET Day

Monday 26th—Friday  
30th October  
Half Term

## Attendance



We are always challenged by the Local Authority to have the best attendance we can.

Last week's attendance was 97%.

## PE@STB News

Recently we have been involved with three different virtual sports competitions where results are timed and scored at school within our lessons. These are shared with the local School Games Organisers who collate all results from schools and advise us of how we have done in competition terms.

**Cross Country** was arranged by the Wadhurst cluster and was open to six schools within that cluster - this was for Year 3-6 pupils and there were some outstanding times recorded! Our only top 15 scorer was Oscar who came 12th in the Year 5&6 boys' race - but really well done to everyone in those year groups who ran.

**Tennis Skills** was organised by our local TWKSSP cluster organisers.

Again, this was open to all pupils in Years 3-6. They were all tested on forehand and backhand rallies, plus volleying, serving and a complicated skill called round the world. There were 522 participants from 7 schools involved. We did really well with 6 firsts, 17 seconds and 23rd places - there will be a full winners list when I receive this data.

Our third tournament, again organised by Wadhurst, was **Athletics** - 5 events of running, throwing and jumping skills. We are completing this over the next few days and hopefully results will be known before half term.

Added to this our House competitions in football skills and cross country and our Year 5&6 pupils all being trained as play-leaders, means we have had a busy and fun term.



## This week:

It has been a very busy week with school photographs being taken on Wednesday and everyone looked SO smart!

Some of our Year 6 completed their PESE (11+) assessments yesterday. They were so positive in their attitudes and striving to do the best they can - well done everyone!

We have had lots of sporting success - please see the report from Mr Luckhurst above.

## Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about 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.

Our stars this week were:

Archie, Luke J, Shaarvi, Rafi, Phoebe, Stanley, Jermaine, Heera, Crystal-May, Alfie, Grace, Aryan,  
Sam, Alicia M and Maria

Handwriting Awards were given to Lara, Hollie, Alfie, Bartosz, Ayda, Alana and Ivy.

Well done to Angels for the most team points this week!



## Something to think about

### True or False?

The hardest substance in the human body is bone  
The country of Portugal borders France  
Venus has four moons

*Pitcairn Island is in the Indian Ocean – False*  
*In a rainbow, purple comes between the colours orange and green – False*  
*A male sheep is called a ram – True*

## Ready Steady Sport – weekly multi-sports classes for Reception + Years 1 & 2 children

Does your child enjoy playing with a racquet, bat, stick or a ball?! If so he/she might like to come to Ready Steady sport for a weekly after-school class.

The children will get to play 1 of SIX different sports each week – hockey, cricket, football, rugby, basketball & tennis.

They will have lots of fun whilst improving their co-ordination, balance, self-confidence and balls skills.

**When?: Wednesdays (every week during term-time).**

**Where: St Barnabas Church Hall, Quarry Road TN1 2EY**

**Class for Reception Year children: 3.35 to 4.35pm**

**Class for Years 1 & 2 children: 4.45 to 5.45pm**

Start date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

All the children get plenty of individual attention and encouragement.

For more info take a look at [www.readysteadysport.com](http://www.readysteadysport.com) or to book in for a FREE trial email Toby on [toby@readysteadysport.com](mailto:toby@readysteadysport.com)

## Illness, Covid-19 Symptoms and Testing



### Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



### Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



### Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

## 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)

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## St Barnabas Prayer

God our Father,

Through your power and inspired by the Holy Spirit, Saint Barnabas spread your word and encouraged others to follow Jesus our Lord. By your strength, and through his prayers, may our school always be a sign of Jesus' presence among us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

With best wishes

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