

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 19th January 2024

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 the Gospels.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 92.85%.



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

This Week...

This week we have seen our outside classroom continue to develop and look more like a learning space!

On Monday a group of our Year 5 and 6 went to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concerts. The children rehearsed during the afternoon and then with over 8000 children performed in front a very large audience. The children had an amazing time and although a little sleepy, the next day Mrs Barter and I were told that they had had the best time! We look forward to next year...

This week in PE the children have been working on gymnastic sequences and have completed a house competition in both KS1 and KS2. Mr Luckhurst informs me that all the children tried very hard, especially Lenny and Roland who created some beautiful sequences.

We are looking forward to our next PTFA event and an email went out to everyone yesterday about our Disco on the 2nd February. If you are able to help please email the PTFA (ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk).

What a week!



How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments. Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You cannot prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early. Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp. There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

The Winter Mini Challenge is continuing...

From 1 December children will be able to take part for free via the Reading Agency's dedicated children's website, wintermini.org.uk, and gain online rewards for reading and reviewing books!

All children have to do is read at least three books between **1 December 2023 and 19 February 2024**. They can choose any books they like! Fact books, fiction, joke books, picture books, eBooks, audio books, the choice is theirs and all of these can be reserved and borrowed for free from any Kent library with a child's library card!

Once they've read a book, [add it to their website profile](#) (over on the Reading Agency's website) and write a review to let everyone know what you thought. Remember to also log their books online to unlock virtual rewards too!

Read and add just 3 books (or more) to complete the Winter Mini Challenge!

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 our Stars of the Week: Violette, Evana, Nellie B, Aayan H, Chelsea, Iris, Edward, Lovinia, Rosie , Eva, Roland, and Evie (Year 6).

Congratulations 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

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.

Please make sure children are dressed in the correct uniform and have a named water bottle everyday.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully it's not too cold!

With best wishes
Moira Duncombe

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