

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 26th January 2024

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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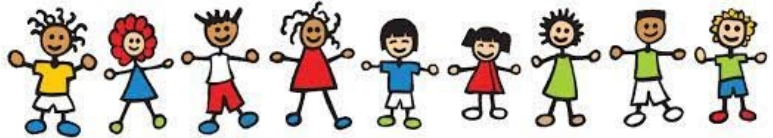


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

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 92.71%.

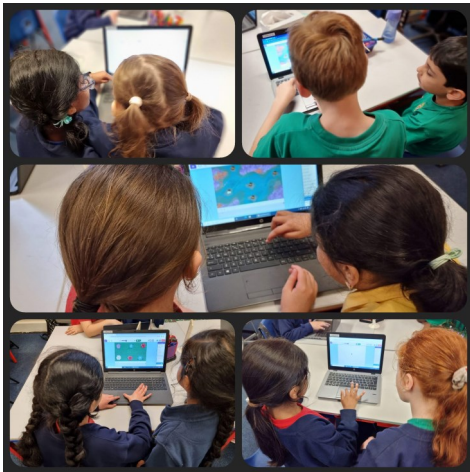


Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45 everyday and we finish at 3pm.

This Week...

Well I can certainly say that I was not expecting Ofsted this week! On Monday the inspector phoned the school to inform us she was coming in for two days to complete an ungraded inspection – to see if we were still a good school!

I am very proud of your children, about whom the inspectors were very complimentary and made her very welcome. We will of course communicate the result to you as soon as we are able and a huge thank you to everyone who shared their views on the Ofsted Parent view.



This week in Computing Year 4 have continued to use code and the program Logo. The children had fun creating codes to make their turtle move on simple grids to form letters... to planning trips around Europe!

I forgot to let you know that the Poppy Appeal raised by the schools across Tunbridge Wells in total was £7995.40 and as a school we raised £239.65. Thank you!

PTFA School Disco on Friday 2nd February!

Entry costs £2.50. There will be a tuck shop, glitter stall, bracelets/snap bands and glo-sticks for sale, so children may bring additional change if they would like to purchase any of these items. Tickets are available to buy in the Arbor School Shop.

Times:

Reception and KS1 (Years 1 & 2): 3.45-5.00pm

KS2 (Years 3 - 6): 5:15-6.30pm

We can't wait to see you there.

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 1st December 2023, 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 **1st December 2023 and 19th 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!

Term dates for 2024– 2025

Term 1 (2024)

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - **staff development day (no children in school)**

Wednesday 4th September - **term starts for Years 1-6 (Reception details to follow)**

Friday 25th October - **term ends**

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November - **half term holiday**

Term 2

Monday 4th November - **term starts**

Friday 20th December - **term ends**

Monday 23rd December 2024 – Friday 3rd January 2025 – **Christmas holiday**

Term 3 (2025)

Monday 6th January 2025 – **term starts**

Friday 14th February - **term ends**

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – **half term holiday**

Term 4

Monday 24th February - **term starts**

Friday 4th April - **term ends**

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April – **Easter holiday**

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April - **term starts**

Monday 5th May - **Bank Holiday**

Friday 23rd May - **term ends**

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – **half term holiday**

Term 6

Monday 2nd June - **staff development day (no children in school)**

Tuesday 3rd June - **term starts**

Friday 18th July - **term ends**

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July - **staff development days (no children in school)**



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:

Nellie, Ebraheem, Sessa, Rowan, Teddy, Juan, Destiny, Mila, Ivy, Salah and Scarlet.

Our Ofsted Inspector thanked all the children for making her so welcome and highlighted how polite they all were.

Team points to be shared on Monday!

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 will not be too cold.

With best wishes,
Moira Duncombe

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