

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

**Newsletter Friday 22nd February 2024**

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

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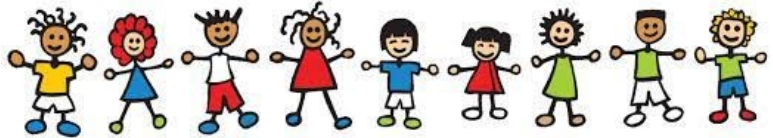


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we have found out about diversity via a Mr Men story.

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 92.56%.



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

## This Week...

Welcome back to Term 4! I can't believe we are already one week in! We were very pleased to see our Outdoor Classroom without fencing so we can plan the next stage in its development. Over the Easter holiday, the workmen will come back to paint the walls and also finalise the flooring which will be fabulous. On Monday we trialled its use for groups and also at lunchtime with some positive results:



We were also very pleased to see 'The Drama Geezers' join us to work with the whole School on a Diversity theme. This is their fourth visit and we always love having 'The Drama Geezers' with us. All the children took part in creating a story based a character called Alex and they all loved this learning experience – we can't wait to see the finished book!

This week we also received our Ofsted report and we were pleased to see we continue to be a Good School!



What a busy week!

## World Book Day– 7th March 2024



This year World Book Day is on the 7th March and you are invited to dress up as a book character. Our PTFA have sent out an email asking for old costumes and are aiming to sell them next week – more news later.

As always, every child will be given a voucher to spend on a book.

### Looking ahead:

World Book Day	7th March
Red Nose Day	15th March - More information later but children will be invited to wear red and pay £1 for the privilege.
Parent Consultations	Monday 18th– 22nd March
End of term	Thursday 28th March
INSET DAY	Friday 29th March

Please check school emails for further class events.

### Creative Afternoons for Parents

I can't paint

I can't draw

I'm not creative

Does this sound like you? Come along on Tuesday afternoons and let me show you that EVERYONE can be creative. Join our relaxed afternoons finding our creativity together. If you have already unleashed your creativity please come along and share your skills with the rest of us.

Come along each Tuesday at 1.30pm for a coffee in the school hall to find out more and have a go; everyone is welcome.

Contact me if you want to find out more or to offer your skills

Thank you

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## 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.

Our Stars of the Week are: Raif, Anamika, Diksha, David, Dexter, Jayden, Darius, Daniel, Heidi, Robert F, Oscar, Heera and Don.

Team points winners this week... Kingdom.

## 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.

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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.**

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

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the sunshine will continue.

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

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