

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 15th March 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 Ori's Star and the importance of working together.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target



this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 92.61% and well done to Year 4 who as a class had the best attendance this week.

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

This Week...

What a busy week! Monday saw Year 6 go to the Imperial War Museum as part of their topic this term. The children had a great time exploring and creating their own broadcasts. Miss Mercer was very pleased to tell me about the positive comments made by the Museum regarding the behaviour of our children.



Wednesday saw Year 5 go to the Amelia Scott to find out more about Victorian artefacts after a session in school with Dave looking at our own school artefacts. The children enjoyed being detectives looking at the different resources and making deductions. We are so lucky to have the Amelia Scott so close to us and I know we have other class visits planned this academic year.



To celebrate both British Science Week and National Careers Week, Year 4 participated in Science Farm Live, organised by the National Farming Union. We experienced a day in the life of a farm vet with a cow health check, a comparison of human and cow digestive systems, we saw a newborn calf and learned about the role dung beetles play in a farm ecosystem!

This week Mr Luckhurst has been running a house competition during PE lessons - all pupils from years 1 to 6 have taken part in this fully inclusive competition and the winning team in KS1 was Saints and in KS2 was Kingdom. Well done to everyone who took part and he highlights that there was lots of exciting play, great goals and fabulous teamwork.



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:

Congratulations to our stars this week: Oliver, Catherine, Juno, Mofe, Atiyyah, Max, Ted, Saanvi, Charlie F, Aimee, Alana and Nusrat.

Team points winners this week were Angels. We found out during our celebration that over 16,000 team points have been given since September!

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 every day.

Thank you to everyone who took part in dressing up for Red Nose Day.

Have you signed up for Parent Consultations next week? Do check Arbor for more information.

Remember our end of term is Thursday 28th March.

With best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

Moira Duncombe

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