

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 22nd 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 Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week.

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 everyday and we finish at 3pm.

This Week...

It has been lovely to see you at Parent Consultations this week. If you have not booked a time to discuss your child's progress do please get in touch with your child's teacher via their class email address. This week has also seen the last session of our School Clubs and my thanks go to everyone who runs a club and we look forward to our Summer term.

Today our Year R children visited our local Fire Station to find out what a firefighter does. Unfortunately the fire engine was out when they got there so they had a lovely time in the park.



Today also saw children in Year 4, 5 and 6 take part in drama workshops linked to their topics. Year 5 took part in a Victorian and Year 4 in a rainforest workshop respectively.

Year 6 had their workshop as part of their World War 2 Day where the children dressed up as characters from that time period, cracked codes, made and then tasted food from that time.



Today also saw our Year 3 and 4 football team go to play against the Sacred Heart School and we look forward to hearing how they got on!

Sport News!

Mr Luckhurst has shared results from the KS1 House Curling competition. In Year 1 the winning team were Disciples and in Year 2 Kingdom – well done to everyone who took part.

When all the results were added up, the winning KS1 team were Disciples!



Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Mac and Squash Cheese (v)	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Garlic and Lemon Chicken with Rice	Crispy Baked Fish with Chips
Vegetarian				
Pasta Primavera (vg)	Veggie Sausage Traybake with Mash (v)	Roasted Vegetable Tart with Roast Potatoes (vg)	Thai Veggie Fried Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips (v)
3rd Options				
Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce
Vegetables				
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert				
Orange Shortbread	Carrot Cake	Apple and Rhubarb Crumble with Custard	Fruit Jelly Crunch Pot	Crispy Cake
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily. Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.

15th Apr, 6th May, 27th May, 17th Jun, 8th Jul, 9th Sept, 30th Sept, 21st Oct



Attached to this newsletter will be our new menu and the above is our first week back. My thanks go to Year 6 who helped choose the different courses.

FREE EASTER EGG!

The St Barnabas PTFA are giving every pupil an Easter Egg! There will be a collection point for each class on the playground from 2:45pm on
MONDAY 25th
TUESDAY 26th
WEDNESDAY 27th

Please go to the correct collection point for each child

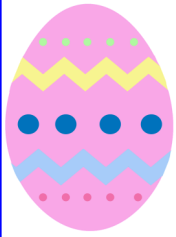
Did you know?

You can raise funds for our school just by shopping online and choosing to donate a percentage through Easy Fundraising. You can do this through their website, App or by setting a 'Donation Reminder' on your browser. Register with Easy Fundraising and search for 'St Barnabas CE VA Primary School PTFA' to select as your chosen charity. Then simply shop and the donation is made automatically! You can even see how much you have raised in your account.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

https://youtu.be/T9_XwaxfG94

PTFA dates for the diary:



There will be a Free Easter Egg giveaway on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week! We will be giving each child a chocolate egg at class collection points on the playground after school. Our thanks go to Morrison's for providing these.

Friday 19th April: Film Friday - we will be showing Peter Rabbit for KS1 and Wonka for KS2. An email with full details will be sent out shortly.

17th May: Spring Disco, details tbc.



Details to come for a 'Golden Ticket' event!

Congratulations to Myla for winning the World Book Day Hunt Waterstones voucher!

**Thank
You!**

The PTFA helps to raise funds to support the school in enhancing all pupils' school experience. This could be buying resources for classrooms, renovating outdoor spaces or funding towards school trips. We really appreciate the support of the school community and together we have raised some impressive totals! So far this year, our events have raised over £2500 which is fantastic.

To make any events a success, we rely on volunteers from the school community. If you can spare just one hour to help out we would really appreciate it! There are many things to help with - planning, setting up, running a disco tuck shop, running a games stall at fairs, clearing up after events and contributing ideas. Please keep an eye out for details of our 'Give One Hour' launch coming soon!

ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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: Audrey, Khloe, Evana, Mila, Tilly, Eloise, Benedita, Joshua, Einoras, Rafi, Daisy and Izabella.

Handwriting awards: Robert F, Christo, Scott, Bella-Rose, Zoe, Rosie, Oliwier, Rowan and Oscar.

Team points winners this week... Angels.

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.

And finally...

With best wishes—have a lovely weekend.

Remember, our last day of Term 4 is **Thursday 28th March**.

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