

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

**Newsletter Friday 19th April 2024**

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

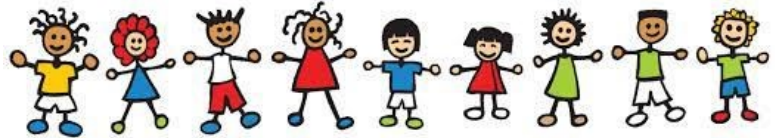
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Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we have explored the importance of thinking first!

## Attendance



We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 94.44%. Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.

## This Week...

Welcome back to Term 5! I do hope you all had a restful Easter break and are ready for the new term. I must say it has been lovely to have some sunshine this week and I do hope it is the start of warmer weather!

Over the Easter break the School has been cleaned and a more substantial floor has been added to our outdoor classroom – it is another step forward and the warmer weather will help us finish this project. Year 2 this week have enjoyed using the classroom to support their Maths lessons on capacity.

On Tuesday, our clubs list went live and we are so lucky to have so many clubs on offer. I know it can be frustrating when clubs are full. Please also remember it is always important for children to let the school office know if they are not going to attend a session.

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited The Amelia to find out about Ancient Egypt and to explore artefacts from that time. The children really enjoyed looking closely at the artefacts and finding out what life was like. Do have a look at their class blog to find out more about what they are learning.



Today Year 5 are visiting the Woodbury Park Cemetery as part of a Jeffery Hale and Victorians project respectively.

Finally, tonight the PTFA are putting on a film night and I thank the team for organising this event for our children.

## 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>

## Our school attendance target this year is 97%

It is the aim of Our School that pupils should enjoy learning, experience success and realise their full potential. Some pupils find it harder than others to attend school and therefore at all stages of improving attendance we will work together with them, their parents and partner organisations to remove barriers, by building strong and trusting relationships. Therefore, improving attendance is everyone's business.

### How can we work together?

We appreciate that family life can be complex and there may be issues that directly or indirectly affect school attendance; we believe we can offer excellent support that really makes a difference. It is important that you have the opportunity to tell us how we can work together to improve attendance and support your child.

### Did you know?

By law, parents/carers can be issued a penalty fine or be prosecuted under section 444 of the Education Act 1996 for poor attendance at school.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above OR if struggling with sickness and diarrhoea (48 hour absence).

In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it. DfE has published useful guidance on mental health issues affecting a pupil's attendance and those who are experiencing persistent symptoms can talk to the school for additional support.

## When should my child return to school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*		

## Celebration

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 this week: Aahan, Logan, Luca, Sophia, Spencer, Maple Class, Edward, Saanvi, Scott, Lois, Xian and Nellie.

We had over 100 entrants for the Grosvenor and Hilbert Park Dog Poo Competition and well done to Daisy, Drisana, Bella-Rose, Saanvi, Saira, Kimmy, Jane, Dylan, Olivia and Audrey who won in their age groups. Tomorrow these posters will be on show at the Dog Show to be voted upon by those attending.

## 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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

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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.**

## And finally...

Mr Luckhurst sends his warmest wishes and thanks for all your kind messages.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

*Moira Duncombe*

@StBarnabasSchoolTW



ECO COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENT

# THE NO MORE DOG POO

POSTER COMPETITION

## FINALISTS!

NOW COME AND VOTE  
FOR YOUR FAVOURITE

AT THE GROSVENOR AND HILBERT PARK

## DOG SHOW

THIS SATURDAY 20TH APRIL  
10AM - 12PM LOWER FIELD

