

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

Newsletter Friday 3rd May 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 found out about lighthouses and their importance in the Christian bible.

## Attendance

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



On Wednesday we had our Local Authority Attendance Officer join us on the gate to talk to families who arrived after 8:45am. She also spent some time talking to families who's attendance is below 80%.

This week our attendance is 93% and well done to Year 4 who had the best attendance.

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

## This Week...

Finally we have had some sunshine and it has been lovely to have our outside classroom in operation and the children be able to access a range of activities at lunchtime:



A huge thank you to the Round Table of Tunbridge Wells who have enabled us to purchase tables and benches to use in this classroom space. These are a fabulous resource to enable us to use the space in many different ways!

What a great week!

## 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:

Our Stars this week are: Lucy, Maithri, Millie, Aayan C, Shania, Lily, Shashank, Aadhidev, Vrishank, Lola, Stefan, Nivesh and Evie.

Well done to Edward who was awarded his level 4 Taekwondo grading.

Thank you to Cansu for her amazing lighthouse, made after our worship on Monday.

Please do let us know if you are awarded any achievement outside school – we would love to celebrate!

Team points winners this week... Saints.

## 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.

[safeguarding@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

## 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. If your child has to wear earrings please can we ask that they are small and not hooped.*

## And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend as Monday is a Bank holiday and so we will see you on Tuesday!

Moira Duncombe

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