

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th 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 feelings.

Attendance

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



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

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

This Week...

Hasn't it been great to finally have some sunshine! Our lunchtime activities have continued to grow and we even had the start of opportunity of playing table tennis:



We also had some of our Year 6 designing new outfits!

Yesterday Years 4 and 5 went to the Assembly Hall to take part in a workshop with Liz Pichon, the author of the hugely successful Tom Gates series. This was a free event as part of the Tunbridge Wells Literacy Festival. The children had a great time and we saw several Tom Gates being drawn at lunchtime!

Next week our Year 6 will be completing their KS2 assessments. This is the time for them to show what they have learnt since Year 2 and I know they will be challenging themselves to do they best they can.

Go St Barnabas!

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: Kareem, Zaviyar, Esme, Nellie B, Mahe, Rakshिता, Reuben D, Year 4, Jake, Phoebe and Nusrat.

Team points winners this week... Disciples.

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

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

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Lilac: lilac@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Oak: oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

From the PTFA:

We are looking for more volunteers for our school disco on Friday 17th May! Could you spare some time to help set up/clear up, help with selling sweets and glitter face paint or be a room monitor?

It's good fun and feels great to be involved in supporting our school and helping our children have fun!

A reminder of the disco times:

Reception and KS1 (Years 1 & 2): 3.45 to 5.00pm.

KS2 (Years 3 - 6): 5:15 to 6.30pm.

If you can help, please email the PTFA with your availability:

ptfa@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.

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...

KS1 Sports Day this year will be on Wednesday 10th July and KS2 on Thursday 11th July—timings to follow.

I hope you all have a lovely and sunny weekend.

Moira Duncombe

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