St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 21st September

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Our **School Christian Values** are Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion. We have discussed our community, our individuality and our school.

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

Key dates

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Monday 24th Sept 1:30 Yr 2 Class Mass

Tuesday 25th Sept 1:30 Yr 1 Class Mass

Friday 5th Oct Harvest Festival 9:30

Exhilarate

Wednesday 17th Oct Year 6 CPR session

Thursday 18th Oct
Open morning for prospective parents

Monday 22nd- 26th October Half term

Thursday 8th Nov
Open morning for prospective parents

Attendance

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 97% to achieve.

Overall attendance last week: 91.93%

Do remember we start school everyday at 8:45.



99-100%
Amazing!
97-98%
Good!
95-96%
Satisfactory
92-94%
Worrying
Under 92%

Seriously Concerning Acorn—100% Chestnut—99.3% Beech—97.7% Lilac 94.7% Oak—93.5% Maple—92.3% Willow—92.1%



This Week

A blustery and busy week! Our Acorn class have continued to settle in well and today enjoyed their class picnic.

The children had their photographs taken on Tuesday and they certainly looked very smart!

Mr Luckhurst our PE coach has been working across the school and it is great to see everyone enjoying their sport. Please can we remind you that the children need to have their PE kits in school everyday.

Finally, Year 5 & 6, watch out for some exciting news coming to you on Parentmail next week!

PARKING

Please can we remind you about being considerate when parking around the school. Please make sure that you are in parking in official parking areas and not our neighbours' drives. Please can we also ask that you take care near our back gate and drive slowly and with care. Thank you for your help.



Class News



Acorn News

It has been great seeing the children as 'one class' and they have been enjoying getting to know each other and are well on their way to making new friends. We have continued exploring the classroom environment. We have created our 'class rules' and have all put our finger print promise on the tree to say we will follow these rules. We enjoyed staying for lunch, getting to know the ladies who help us at lunchtime and some of us tried some new foods!

Willow News

This week in English, Willow Class have been practising using fingers spaces between words in their sentences and using 'and' to join two sentences. On Thursday the children listened to the story of the 3 Little Pigs and started to make a story map to retell the story. In Phonics this week we have learnt about the 'ie', 'ea' and 'oy' sounds and have been finding reading and writing words containing these sounds. In Maths we have counting forwards and backwards from 0 to 20 and learning to find one more or one less than a number. The children have also been comparing groups of objects to see which contain more and which contain less/fewer objects. The class have also been practising have also been developing their reasoning skills by asking word questions.

Beech News

Wow what a fantastic trip to Wilderness Woods! Every member of Beech Class was so polite and extremely enthusiastic throughout the day. Thank you so much to all the parent helpers for your support. Our highlights included building a bridge (fantastic teamwork), spotting a juvenile Tawny Owl, creating some fabulous woodland art, eating lunch (of course!), making a leaf bookmark and identifying each leaf we found. I was also impressed with how much Forest School knowledge Beech Class already have. We will be using these woodland ideas in our art lessons back in school

In English, we learned how to use the 'because/so' connectives to add extra clauses to sentences. First, we worked in pairs and created sentences orally. Then, we worked individually to create and then edit sentences of our own. Finally, we combined our new understanding with what we learned about the 'and/but' connectives from last week to create information sentences about The Great Fire of London. If you want to practise using the 'because/so' connectives at home, we have attached an activity sheet onto the Class Blog. If you want to create some 'and/but/so/because' information sentences about The Great Fire of London, we have also attached the opening clauses that we are using in this week's extended piece of writing.

In Maths, we focussed on using bar models to help us solve empty box calculations. We learned how to transfer the information from an empty box calculation in to a bar model. We then used our understanding of number bonds to work out the missing value in the calculation. If you want to practise these skills at home, we have attached an activity sheet for you to try on the Class Blog.

In Science, we started learning about materials. We were presented with a range of different objects. We then used a Venn sorting diagram to sort the objects according to what the material was made from. We have put a picture of a complete sorting diagram on the blog if you want to recreate this activity at home.

Maple News

This week in Maple Class we have carried on looking at the Stone Age using 'Stone Age Boy'. We have written letters imagining that we had travelled back in time and stayed in a Stone Age camp, full of people doing interesting jobs like scraping hide, napping flint and carving antlers. We have looked at the archaeology of Star Carr in Yorkshire and used the internet to research Stone Age Life. In Maths we have continued looking at place value and place value reasoning problems.

Chestnut News

Continuing work on our text 'Escape from Pompeii', we have been generating lists of powerful verbs to use in our writing. We drew our own Roman buildings and described what might have happened to them during the eruption of Vesuvius. We used a thesaurus to make sure our verbs really painted a picture. Looking at the front cover of the book, we wrote simple sentences to describe the scene. We then worked to improve them by using conjunctions to extend them. We analysed some sentences to see what additional information they provided. Children are doing very well at using the words from our vocabulary wall to spice up their writing!

In Maths, we continue to work on place value. This is a really important unit that lays the foundations for the learning we will do for the rest of the year. We have been rounding numbers to the nearest 100, counting in thousands and exploding 4 digit numbers to see what they are made of.

In Science, the children conducted an experiment with rice and drums to visualise the effects of sound. They then presented their findings in the format of a television broadcast!

This week in RE we have done an in-depth reading of Genesis 1: 1-31. The children then highlighted all the times they found the word 'good' and identified all the things that are created in that story. It was a challenge to pick out everything but they really persevered.

In Topic work, we have been learning about the foundation of Rome. We read 2 different stories. One was Romulus and Remus, and the other was about ancient tribes who lived by the River Tiber. We had to re-tell these stories and decided which was most likely to be fact and which was probably myth. The children were able to provide good reasons to back up their choices.

Lilac News

For Maths this week in Lilac Class, we have been using our reasoning skills to solve calculations and recognise number patterns using Roman numerals. We have also been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000 and ordering and comparing numbers up to 1000,000. In English, we have focused on levelling up our Space Poems using the conventions of poetry writing. We looked carefully at our next steps when improving our writing. We have also been performing our poems to one another. In RE, we have been thinking about what God means to Christians and have explored key vocabulary: Omnipotent, Omniscient, Eternal, Spiritual, Holy and Loving.

In Science, we have been researching facts about the Sun and the Moon and have found out the definitions for corona, solar flare, sunspot, crater, plains and mountains. In Topic, we have been examining photographs of Mayan artefacts and have deduced facts from these in relation to how Mayans lived their lives. It was not until 150 years after the Conquistadors first discovered the ancient abandoned ruins that people started to take an interest in who built them and the Ancient Mayan Civilisation. In Art and DT, we have continued to create our class frieze of a Mesoamerican rainforest and have started to design our Mayan people in our Art sketchbooks, as a starting point for our model making. In Music, we have designed our own graphic scores based on the music of Gustav Holst's The Planet Suite.

Dr Charles is absolutely delighted with the standard of the homework. Please remember that it will be given out on a Thursday and needs to be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. Please ensure that your child reads to an adult at home at least three times a week and that your child's reading diary is signed. Many thanks.

Oak New

It's been a busy week in Oak Class!

In Maths we have been working with negative numbers. The children have been thinking about where we see negative numbers in the real world and have worked on word problems that require them to add and subtract across zero and calculate the difference between negative and positive numbers.

In English, the class have begun researching significant figures from WW2. Many of these figures are familiar, such as Winston Churchill and Oskar Schindler, whereas others, such as Sophie Scholl and Nancy Wake are less well-known. The class will be creating informative PowerPoints that they will present to their classmates over the coming weeks.

In Science, we have begun our topic of evolution. The main focus so far has been inheritance. We have considered what characteristics we may have inherited from our own parents, and discovered why and how these get passed on.





Something to think about

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Photography competition deadline



This deadline is coming quickly! Please can we remind you to send in a photograph of your child reading. We already have photographs of people reading on a train... at a lighthouse... at a building site... where have you been reading?



If you haven't already done so, please sign up to 'easyfundraising'. Just by shopping online you can earn money for St Barnabas at no cost for you. Just click on the and select St Barnabas CE VA Primary School as your chosen charity. Please take a look and sign up today.

Barnabus Pre-School are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at Church of Christ, Commercial Road at 9am on Monday 1st October. All parents from the school are welcome. Donations of cakes can be taken along that morning; they are trying to beat last year's total of £135. There will be a cake sale at the school at 3pm on that day of any leftover cake.

Well done to Emily and Tom who have been voted in by their peers as Head boy and girl. Have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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Special Menu on 4th Octoberl



7th Tunbridge Wells (St Barnabas) Brownies are looking for new recruits!



Brownies are girls aged 7-10 who want to have fun, make friends and try new things.





We meet on Tuesdays in St Barnabas Church hall. For more information please email stbarnabasbrownies@hotmail.com They go on trips, camps and sleepovers, earn cool badges and do things for the community.



Informal ASD 'Drop-in' for parents and carers

(Your child/young person does not need a diagnosis in order for you to attend)



Date and Time	Time	Venue Address:
Tuesday 25 September 2018	1-3pm	Sunrise Children's Centre London Road Southborough, Tunbridge Wells Kent. TN4 0RJ
Tuesday 20 November 2018	1-3pm	
Tuesday 22 January 2019	1-3pm	
Tuesday 26 March 2019	1-3pm	
Tuesday 14 May 2019	1-3pm	
Tuesday 16 July 2019	1-3pm	

- Meet professionals who may be able to support you and your child. These may include: a Specialist Teacher, a
 representative from the Kent Autistic Trust, an Educational Psychologist and a representative from IASK (Information
 Advice and Support Kent) and Independent Support Kent.
 Ask questions: learn more about ASD and the support and information you can access through a range of services
- and recommended reading.
- Consider your next steps
- Meet other parents (refreshments are provided).
 Please feel free to bring along a friend.

If you have any questions please telephone Broomhill Bank Outreach Services: 01892 502466

First Communion

This Autumn Fr. John will begin First Communion classes in school for pupils who wish to be admitted at the Whole School Mass before the Christmas break.

If your child is in Year 3 or older and would like to make their first communion, feel free to speak with Fr. John. A letter will be sent out with further details next week.



WEEKLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Free Trials For New Players!

Saturdays - Tunbridge Wells - 9-10.15am -Reception & Yr 1 Children - All abilities

Saturdays - Tunbridge Wells - 10.30-11.30am -Yr 2 to Yr 6 Children - All abilities

Saturdays - Tonbridge - 9.30-10.45am -Reception to Yr 3 Children - All abilities

Mondays - Tunbridge Wells - 6-7pm -Yr 5 & 6 Children - Advanced

Wednesdays - Tunbridge Wells - 5.30-7pm -Yr 2 to Yr 6 - Elite

Thursdays - Tunbridge Wells - 6-7pm -Yr 1 to Yr 6 Children - All abilities

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