

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 18th December 2020

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.

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 pack lunch boxes

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Dates

**First day of term
Tuesday 5th January**

A reminder about what you should do if your child develops Covid-19 symptoms after Friday 18th December (the last day of term). This applies to all children who were in school on Thursday 17th or Friday 18th December, or both days.

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December, it is **essential** that you let us know by emailing the school email address office@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk and that you **also** advise us as soon as you receive the test results. This will enable us to track any close contacts within the school. Thank you.



This week:



It has been a very strange week with two classes doing remote learning at home and also the different Christmas activities taking place. It has been a chance to reflect on the whole term and the many different learning activities... and challenges we all have faced both at home and at school.

This week we had the pleasure of watching the KS1 Nativity, and what a show it was! I looked forward to the premiere and I am sure we all fell in love with Grumble! Please do note that the link sent home is not for public sharing.

On Wednesday the children in school had their Christmas lunch and parties, and although a quieter affair, much fun was had by all. Thank you all for your donations to Nourish.

Mr Luckhurst has informed me that our school Record has again been broken by Fraya on Thursday with 21 hula hoops. We also took part in the Santa dash, albeit a little later than other schools.

As we finish for Christmas I would like to thank all our School team for their dedication and commitment to all our children. We have enabled the School to be a place of safety and a place permeating our school values of Aspiration, Love, Compassion, Trust, Perseverance and Reconciliation.

I do hope we all can have a peaceful Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Stars of the week



Well done to the following children highlighted as stars of the week:

Bradley, Nina, Jorge, Maryam, all of Maple Class, Isabel A, Harrison A, Alfie S and
Dolcie

No team points this week

Something to think about

True or False?

The Gibson Desert is in Morocco
Scottish blackface is a breed of goat
A bushbuck is a type of antelope

A jargonelle is a type of pear – true
Timbuktu is in Mali – true
A basilisk is a type of dog – false



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-st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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

Remote learning

Do have a look at our Class pages on the School Website to find out what your children are learning in school and our plans to support Remote learning if needed.



PE News from Mr Luckhurst:

To continue our theme of personal challenges which all pupils have been introduced to in recent PE lessons, I thought it would be fun to run a Christmas Personal Challenge for all at home. Staying fit and being active for at least 30 minutes a day is always important particularly in our present situation. Having fun with challenges - setting targets to better them is great to develop our PE skills and techniques. So the challenge is there - set your own personal challenges - take pictures - tell me what they are - naturally wearing anything Christmassy would be fantastic. Some ideas would be skipping, dancing, going out for a walk.

So stay fit and healthy during the holiday period - keep active for at least 30 minutes a day and let St Barnabas show all the other schools just how good we are. Send your photos and a very brief description to Email dluckhurst@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk or follow on Twitter at PE@StB #StBfestivefitness

St Barnabas Prayer

God our Father,

Through your power and inspired by the Holy Spirit, Saint Barnabas spread your word and encouraged others to follow Jesus our Lord. By your strength, and through his prayers, may our school always be a sign of Jesus' presence among us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen

Happy Christmas and keep safe

With best wishes

Maira Duncombe

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