

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 11th 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.

This week we continued to find out more about Christmas.

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

16th December Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers

Children are invited to wear their own clothes/ Christmas Jumpers for £1 donations which will go to support the charity Nourish.

15th December

Last day for Christmas cards in school.

Attendance

We are always challenged by the Local Authority to have the best attendance we can.

Our attendance last week was 84.3%



This week:

It has been a busy week with the children completing assessments so we can see the progress they have made since September. Year 2 completed their Phonic assessments and it was wonderful to see how confident all the children were.

On Wednesday we found out that John had achieved 25 years in his role as School Crossing patrol. I have been informed that it is the equivalent of walking from Tunbridge Wells to the northern tip of Scotland and he will have crossed over half a million children. Congratulations John!

Our Hula Hoop champion Fraya has now achieved 20 hoops and our awards in sport just keep coming with several top places – well done everyone.

We have missed Year 6 this week and we look forward to having them back with us after Christmas.

Our last day of term is Friday 18th December.

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

Stars of the week

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

Ellis, Mikail, Jemima, Heidi, Einoras, Kubra, Robert,

Nellie, Matt, Mehmet, Yoseph, Darcie, and Freya F

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-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.



COVID NEWS

As we approach the end of term, we sincerely hope every one stays healthy for the holidays.

However, if your child has Covid symptoms on **Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December** it is important for you to **advise the school office** by email (office@st-barbarnabas.kent.sch.uk), to get a Covid Test **and advise us of the results as soon as possible**.

PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and donated to our Christmas raffle. Our thanks go to the PTFA who have organised several fundraisers and raised over £1,000 for school funds this term.

I promised I would let you know the winning class in our Class Hamper competition. Well done to Oak who won the pizza delivery but also a special mention to Acorn who will also be winning a special Christmas prize.

Go St B!

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

Keep warm and safe

With best wishes

Moirra Duncombe

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