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

## **Newsletter Friday 15th January 2021**

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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It was lovely to see over 50 families join us for our Celebration Assembly today.

Do have a look at all the ParentPay messages sent out this week about remote learning, meetups etc.



### This week:

As I write this week's newsletter it is raining quite heavily but I can hear the chatter of children working in school. It has been wonderful to see the whole school community in our class reading sessions and also at our worship. Please do join us — new codes will be sent for next week.

Currently during this lockdown we have every class open with the class teacher and teaching assistant working together. If you are emailing the class email address please do bear with us as I am sure you can appreciate the class teams are busy.

Examples of learning done by our children have been uploaded to the blog pages, so please do share the work that your children are doing at home. Today you will see there are some Friday Challenges which follow on from our challenges last year. Mr Mackinnon shared these with the children via worship today and they will also be on our learning platforms. Please see the next page for more details.

Symptom-free Covid 19 test

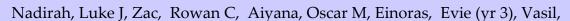
As you are aware the Assembly Hall has been turned into a testing centre. If you need to book a test please follow this link: https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home

Do remember that these tests are for people who do not have any symptoms

Please can we also remind you that if you are symptomatic & waiting for a test result or have been told to self-isolate you should be self isolating and not leaving your home.

#### Stars of the week

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



Blossom, Aaban, Tom, Frazer, Joshua, Olivia

Freya W, Clara, Izaac and Max



# Something to think about

True or false

Fortuna is the Roman goddess of luck



#### Friday Challenge!

We are excited to announce a new, weekly home-learning challenge that we are setting for your child. Every Friday afternoon, we will post a new, hands-on challenge onto tapestry, the Class Blog or Google Classroom. This challenge is totally optional and is designed to help develop your child's Science, Engineering, Technology and Maths skills as well as keeping them busy and active over the weekend during lockdown. The first Friday Challenge will be set this afternoon. If your child completes the challenge, we would love to see what they have been up to, so please send pictures into your child's class email address. Each week, we will pick some challenge winners and announce them in celebration assembly. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address.

#### 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

#### 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

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe @StBarnabasSchoolTW