

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 12th July

'All children are created uniquely and loved by God'

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Our School Christian Values are Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion. This week we have found out about St Thomas

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

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Thursday 18th July

Crazy Hair Day
(see ParentMail)

Monday 22nd July

1:30pm Leavers' Service
Year 6 Leaver's Service in church- all welcome

Tuesday 23rd July

End of term
1:30pm Leavers' AOW
in the school hall

Monday 2nd September

INSET day

Tuesday 3rd September

INSET day

Wednesday 4th September

School starts (Yrs 1-6)

Monday 9th September

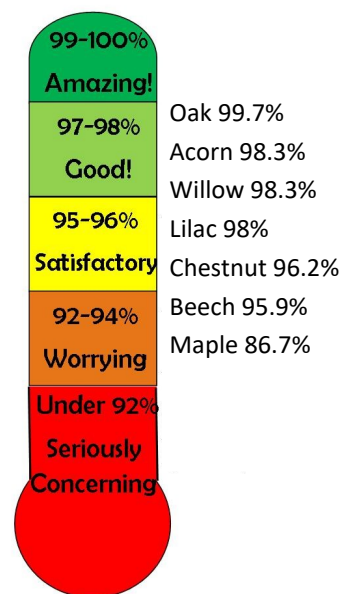
School starts (Acorn)

Attendance

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 97% to achieve. Last week our attendance was 94%

Overall attendance last week:

Do remember we start school every-day at 8:45.



This Week in School

Well done to our Year 6 who performed 'Let the Games Begin..' to the whole school and their families this week. Our evening performance took place in the TWGGS Performing Arts Centre and it was spectacular! Special thanks to Miss Mercer and Miss Stephens who directed and produced the show. We also need to thank Mrs Johnson, Mrs Barter and Fr. John who also helped us on the night!



Acorn Class went on their school trip to Godstone Farm and had a wonderful time. The journey was long but the children showed true resilience and patience – well done everyone.

Our new Acorns joined us again this week and it was lovely to get to know them more and we look forward to seeing them in September. Next week all the classes will spend some time in their new classrooms as we prepare for the new academic year.

What a busy week.



Class News



Oak News

In topic this week, we have been planning routes on the ordnance survey maps we created. After choosing a starting point, we directed others around our maps using the eight compass points and 4-figure grid references.

In Science, we have been looking at the effect of diet and exercise on the human body. We learned what foods make up the different food groups and how to eat a balanced diet. We also discovered what effects various vitamins and minerals such as vitamin C, iron and calcium have on the body and the possible health issues that can arise from a lack of these.

Preparations for the Leavers' Assembly have begun. We have been choosing songs, discussing memories and favourite moments, and even a possible dance performance! We would really love to have some baby photos of each student to use in the assembly. If possible, could you send your child in with a photo by next Wednesday or email it to the office. Also, don't forget to sign the permission slips for the Assembly Hall promotional video and the class photographs that Miss Mercer and Miss Stephens would like to take for the children. Your child will not be able to be involved in either if we do not have permission. Deadline for both is Monday 15th July. Thank you!

Finally, the year six production took place at TWGGS Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday night and it was a great success. The children really rose to the occasion gave a fantastic show. Thanks to all the family and friends that came along to support us; we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Special thanks go to Mrs Johnson and Father John who were invaluable in the audience and behind the scenes. Thanks also to Mrs Barter who showed off her acting skills by stepping in to play the role of Will Luck at the very, very last moment!

Lilac News

In Maths this week in Lilac Class, we have been busy measuring and drawing acute, obtuse and reflex angles using a protractor. We have also been estimating the measurement of angles based on what we have learnt so far. In English, we have continued with our books inspired by Daniel Defoe's 'Robinson Crusoe' entitled 'Shipwrecked!'. We have now moved onto drafting Chapter Two: Survival on our island. In RE, we have been learning about Sawm, The Fourth Pillar of Islam and explored why Muslim's fast during Ramadan. We then made connections with our own lives and thought about how giving up something that is important to us would make us feel.

In Science, we learnt about wind pollination and made comparisons between wind and insect pollinated flowers. In Topic, we explored three of India's cities - New Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. We located these cities on a map of India and compared their physical features (natural environment, climate, land formations, animals and plants) and human features (buildings, roads, railways and bridges). In DT, we have been creating our own times tables games with Mrs Smallcombe. We are working in pairs and have already planned our designs. This week we have started to make our games.

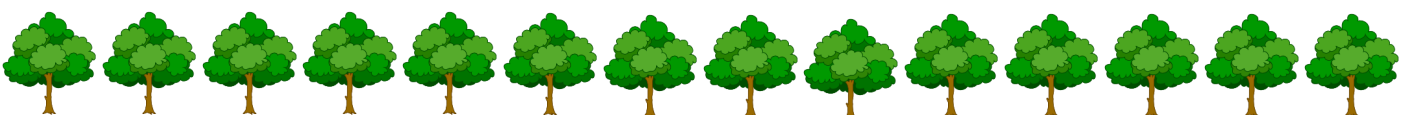
Chestnut News

We have moved on to learn about time in Maths. We have been approximating the length of time activities might take in order to learn about seconds, minutes and hours. We have also been comparing events by converting from minutes to seconds and hours to minutes. As part of this unit, we also looked at days, weeks, months and years and converting calculations.

In English this week, we have been focussing on direct speech. Using 2 pages from our guided reading book, The Boy Who Grew Dragons, we tried to come up with a list for writing direct speech. We managed to pick most of them out but worked on how to explain them clearly. Following on from that, we used our new learning to create correctly punctuated direct speech from speech bubbles.

We have continued to learn about Hindu celebrations in our RE lesson. Building on from Diwali and Holi, we studied the festival of Raksha Bandhan. This is a celebration of the relationship between a brother and sister in which the sister presents her brother with a rakhi (bracelet) that she ties to him and he must wear for the year. We learned about how important families are to Hindu people and how this celebration demonstrates that. We read and discussed the story of Lord Vishnu, King Bali and Lakshmi which is the basis of the festival.

In Topic work we have been considering why King Alfred was called 'the Great'. We started by thinking about what qualities and achievements might lead to someone being given this title. By learning about his life, we managed to make a big list of reasons! We then picked one of these and designed a statue to commemorate Alfred the Great, for example some people chose to show him holding a book because of his desire to make education more widely available.





Class News



Acorn News

This week in Phonics, we have learnt the words “come” and “from” and have used these words when writing sentences. We have continued our super sentences and have had children wearing their superhero capes during the day. They have all shown a great improvement with their writing during this time and now need to apply finger spaces, writing on the lines and cursive letters to all their writing. In Maths, we finished our work on sharing and enjoyed sharing smarties with our friends to ensure we all had the same amount and it was fair. We have started looking at positional language and ensuring we understand what it means and can use it. During RE, our question was ‘What is a disciple?’ we talked about what we thought a disciple was and then read a story called the ‘Twelve Friends’ and then played follow my leader to find out what he would be like to be a disciple of Jesus. We have enjoyed listening to the story called ‘The Book With No Pictures’ which makes adults say lots of silly words! We had lots of fun during our school trip to Godstone Farm, even though it took 2 hours to get there! All the children were very sensible on the coach and during our time at the Farm. We fed the pigs, enjoyed a tractor ride and had fun stroking a guinea pig, a rabbit, a chicken and a tortoise. We saw lots of different animals including, llamas, cows and donkeys. We have been writing all about our trip using photos to remind us what we did. Well done to our ‘star of the week’, Teddie, for his excellent behaviour on the school trip, he listened to his adult throughout the trip and even wore his hi-vis jacket!

Willow News

In Maths this week, Willow Class have been learning about time. The children have been reading and writing time for half past and o'clock times. In RE the children have been learning about deities taken by the Hindu God Brahman and have been also been learning about the story of Rama and Sita. In Science the class has been finding out the names of common trees and plants. The children have been continuing to develop their athletic skills in PE. We have also enjoyed reading ‘Sharing a Shell’ and completing activities based around this story.

Beech News

Beech Class have been looking at measurement again this week but focusing on mass. They have compared weight and used the balances to check answers. They have finished their ‘Owl who was afraid of the dark’ night pictures. This involved being extremely creative and using different styles of drawing and creating texture.

In Topic time, we have been learning about Vietnamese culture. First, we watched a short video of a tour around a traditional Vietnamese pottery village. Next, we compared and contrasted life in a traditional Vietnamese village with our own. We also made discoveries and discussed Vietnamese culture. Finally, we learned about the symbolism that Vietnamese artisans use on their ceramics and designed a tile which demonstrated our understanding of Vietnamese culture. In Maths, we focused on mental addition techniques. We explored how we could use our understanding of number to solve a range of addition problems in our head. Finally, we used and applied these skills to solve a reasoning problem.

Maple News

This Week Maple Class performed their puppet shows at Age UK in front of an audience of parents and older people. They were fantastic. The children performed stories they had devised themselves in groups of four or five, using the puppets they had made in the centre in the past few weeks. Rust and Stardust had showed the children not only how to make the puppets from paper cups and scraps of craft materials, but also how to move the puppets and how to perform through the puppets eyes so it looked like the puppet was moving itself not being moved by someone. All of the stories were based on the theme of the sea, but the stories were all unique, from the story of a selfish fish learning about friendships, to the tale of ghost fish stealing Aquaman's trident, to the rousing sea shanty at the end of a fishy story. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and would like to say an enormous thank you to Katie and Ella from Rust and Stardust, all the staff and old people at the Age UK centre for making us so welcome, and everyone from Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival - we are looking forward to the festival in October.

We have also had time to squeeze in some Maths this week. Using many of the maths skills we have learned this year, Maple Class made their own Top Trump cards. Some of the themes we have used are: castles, Minecraft, unicorns, llamas, and Pokemon. Playing games like Top Trumps based on numbers improves children's number fluency. It is also great fun.

We have been looking for patterns in Science. Thinking like scientists, and discovering if having longer legs meant that you could jump further. Last week we measured our legs, and how far we could jump. Our legs varied between 63cm and 83cm and our jumps between 93cm and 184cm! We discovered that we could not say if there was a link between long legs and jumping. Finding out that there is not a link is as important in many ways as noticing there is one. So, our experiment was not a failure.

To help us understand the area we live in and how it connects to the rest of the world, this week in topic we made 3D maps of the area around the school. The children drew, coloured and cut out small pictures of buildings on Quarry Road, Camden Road and their surroundings. They chose to make models of the school, St Barnabas Church, Training Ship Brilliant, The Masjid Al-Noor Mosque, the Black Horse, and many others including, of course, their own houses.



Something to think about



A computer virus destroys computer memory.

On the first day it destroyed $\frac{1}{2}$ of this memory.

On the second day it destroyed $\frac{1}{3}$ of the memory remaining after the first day;

on the third day it destroyed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the memory remaining after two days

and on the fourth day it destroyed $\frac{1}{5}$ of the memory remaining after three days.

What part of all the computer memory was left after those four days?

A $\frac{1}{5}$

B $\frac{1}{6}$

C $\frac{1}{12}$

D $\frac{1}{24}$

Kitchen Assistant Needed

Our caterers, The Contract Dining Company, are looking for a general kitchen helper to set out tables and benches, serve lunches and wash up afterwards. The job is for 11 hours per week, term time only. If you are interested, Please email your CV to Lindaheather@thecontractdiningcompany.co.uk

CRAZY HAIR DAY 18.07.19

£1



Prizes
for...
Biggest Hair - Most Colourful
Most Imaginative
&
Best Teacher
hair style

Join us to celebrate the end
of term with a day of
crazy hairdos
Let's get creative and have
some FUN!

After School Club Tea Party

The After School Club will be having a summer celebration tea party on Wednesday 17th July.

If your child would like to attend, please book them in via the Libacura website as usual, or on: www.libacura.co.uk/register/stbarnabas/ if they are not currently registered. They should be booked from 3-5pm, and this will cost £6 per child. Please be aware that spaces are limited, so early booking is advised. If you have any queries, please speak to the school office.

England Ladies Football Match news

With the Interest in ladies football now at an all time high after the recent World Cup in France, for those interested - England ladies play Germany ladies at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 9th November (5-30pm kick-off).

Prices: Adults £10 , Children £1

Bookings via the box office 0333 999 1863

With best wishes

Moiria Duncombe