

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

**Newsletter Friday 6th September 2019**

*Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.*

*" [www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)*



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 packed lunch boxes

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## Dates

Thurs 12th September  
PESE/ 11+ exam

Sat 21st September  
school open  
Heritage Event

Fri 11th October  
Harvest Festival

21st– 25th October  
Half term

## Safeguarding Concerns

Please can we remind everyone that the School Designated Safeguard leads are Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Pring. If you have any concerns do come and see us.



## Attendance

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

## Welcome back!

Welcome back after the Summer break. I hope you were able to enjoy a restful break and differing weather! During the summer we have had a variety of work completed and this included:

- the completion of our new heating system
- a deep clean of the whole school
- new target boards in the playground
- new gates for Acorn and Willow's outside areas

The staff joined together on Monday and Tuesday to update their knowledge on Safeguarding, and to start to work on developing a new curriculum for our school. We also reminded ourselves of the School Vision and added another value of Aspiration.

It was lovely to see everyone on Wednesday even on one of the wettest starts in history! All our children have settled in well and it has been lovely going around the school hearing the chatter of children getting to know their new teachers and topics for the new term.

We look forward to getting to know our Acorn children who will be starting school next week.

## Congratulations to our student leaders for this year!

Head Girl and Head Boy:

Crystal and Luka

House Captains:

Saints—Mary and Samuel K

Kingdom—Melanie and Albert M

Angels—Elsie and Rayan

Disciples—Dylan and Evie R

Sport Leaders:

Grace, Evie R, Samuel K and Praneet

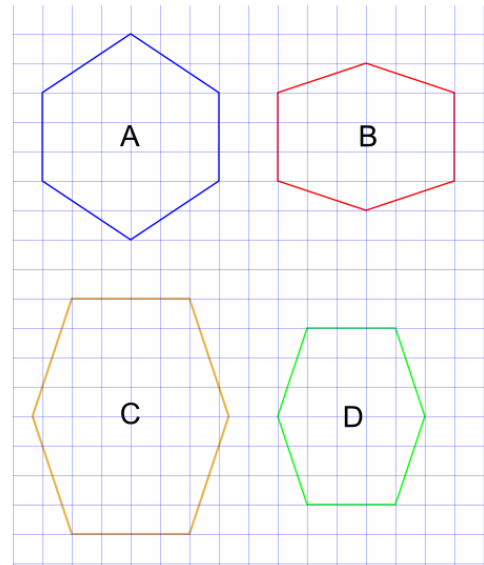
Language Ambassadors:

Maria, Jigisha, Wali and Adam



Which one of the four hexagons is not similar to the other three?

## Something to think about



## Walking Challenge

If you fancy taking on a challenge have a look at this amazing walking challenge:

<https://explorekent.org/home/take-on-the-explore-kent-junior-walking-challenge>

Explore Kent have decided to create a walking challenge for Children. If you take part in a walk you can achieve a certificate ranging from Bronze (5km), Silver (7.5km) and Gold (10km).

If you do take part take some photographs and let us know!

## Can we remind you....

- PE kits should be in school everyday
- Children to have only water in their names water bottles please
- Long hair needs to be tied back and no large bows or novelty hairbands
- Small stud earrings only and no hoops, for health & safety reasons
- Sensible school shoes and, please, everything must be named!!

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

*Moir Duncombe*

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