

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

**Newsletter Friday 17th September 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.

This week we looked at perseverance linked to the Summer of sport.

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. Do remember that we close our gates at 8:50am every day and we finish at 3pm. Attendance last week was 95.3%.



## This week

Last week we finished with some of our children completing their 11+ assessments. All the children tried their hardest and really showed our school values of Aspiration and Perseverance. On Friday we also had members of the Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club come and work with Year 6.



This week has been very busy with clubs starting for many of our children. We have a wonderful range of clubs this term and some lovely comments from these taking part. Please can I remind you that if your child is unable to make their club session to let the school office know, so that we are not running around the school trying to find them.

Our Acorn children have continued to settle in well and will all be in school together every morning from next week. On Wednesday they completed a tour of the school and it was lovely to be introduced to everyone as they visited my office.

Next week we have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for children in Year 1 upwards. This is the start of our developing links with families—please look out for information regarding coffee morning sessions and also about the PTFA.

What a busy week!

# PTFA NEWS

## WHAT IS A PTFA?

YOUR "PARENT TEACHER FRIENDS ASSOCIATION" (PTFA) AT ST BARNABAS SCHOOL CONSISTS OF A COMMITTEE OF PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL WHO VOLUNTEER TO HELP PLAN AND ORGANISE FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

The purpose of fundraising is to help bridge the ever-increasing funding gap that schools are facing since budget cuts. Everything raised by the PTFA goes towards enhancing all our children's educational experience at the school.

Funds may be used towards school trips and travel, playground equipment, learning resources and experiences. We also arrange social events and activities for the children just for fun.

All parents of children at St Barnabas are automatically members of our PTFA and we would love to see you at our meetings, socials and school fundraising events.

Anyone can put forward ideas and suggestions and we welcome new members to the committee to help with planning and running the PTFA and the events we organise.

If you would like to join us or help out at any events, you can contact us via [ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

We also have a Facebook page: St Barnabas PTFA - make sure that the cover photo is of colourful wellies and you'll be on the right page! This is a private group so please do click to join.

Second-hand uniform at St Barnabas is also sold by the PTFA, mainly through uniform sales in the school playground, but you can also email us if you are looking for a particular item or have items to donate.

Our next exciting event is the return of the school disco, with our very own DJ Lollipop! This will be on Friday 15th October, watch out for more details coming soon.

St Barnabas PTFA

## PICNICS IN THE PARK

*A Big Thank You*

YOU RAISED £316.55

FOR THE GARDEN

PROJECT

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
CAME ALONG AND DONTATED





## INTRODUCING PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS!

To all parents/guardians from Dave Prodrick our FLO

On Monday 27th September I am relaunching our coffee mornings, open to all parents in the hall straight after drop off at 8.45am every Monday. These are a relaxed way to meet other parents and chat over a coffee. Sometimes we may have a particular theme based on parent requests, the occasional guest speaker and it is an opportunity to liaise with the PTFA.

Our first coffee morning will be a **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** and I am asking if you can donate cakes for this event & for those who attend - a small donation to Macmillan. I will collect shop bought donations in the playground on Friday 24th September and for those of you willing to bake something, please bring them into the playground on Monday 27th September ready for the coffee morning. If we get a lot of donations we will have a cake sale at the end of the school day on Monday 27th September. **Please do not bring cakes containing nuts** as we have children in school with severe nut allergies, and have a No Nuts Policy in the whole school.

## Understanding your child free online parenting courses are here to help you



These free online courses are available in 15 to 20 minute chunks, perfect for busy parents and carers. There are five separate courses starting during pregnancy and continuing up until a child's 19th birthday.

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A special message from Mrs Banner to say a BIG thank you to all those who supported her husband in sponsoring him. He completed his abseil down St Thomas' Hospital building to raise funds for the Evelina Children's Hospital last weekend.



Daisie's mum is running in the Tonbridge Half marathon on the 10th October to raise money for the Young Lives vs Cancer charity.

If you would like to sponsor her the link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dana-fowler1>

## Friday Worship

On Fridays our worship is all about celebration. We share our Stars of the Week, children who are in our Golden Books for showing our school values, team points and any other celebrations from our school community.

Well done to the following for being our Stars this week:

Destiny L, Nadirah, Daniel C, Henry G, Phoebe, Einoras, Una, Nellie G, Albert, Tanvi, Dolcie and Henry C.

Well done to Disciples for earning the most team points this week!

## 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

## 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 contact us.



**Something to think about**

How many seas border the UK?

## 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**

Have a lovely weekend and I hope the sunshine holds.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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