

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 24th 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 being wise.

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 everyday and we finish at 3pm.



This week

It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers at our class sessions this week. Do continue to look at our class pages on the school website and in Year 6, Google Classroom. We publish information the weekly learning and also home learning every week from Year 1 upwards.

On a Thursday and Friday Mr Mackinnon has developed a wide range of activities at lunch times for our children to play with from dressing up to playing with a wide range of balls. It has been great to see the children using all our playground and having great fun playing across the year groups. One of the most popular activities has been the speedstacks:



Mr Luckhurst has continued with some team competitions and we will share the results next week. He has asked that if any of our children completed sports out of school he would love to have a copy for our School Sports Board.

Our Acorn children have had a great week and will be starting full time on Monday and we are so pleased with how they have settled into their class routines.

We are currently finalising dates for the Harvest Festival, School Disco and Parent Consultations and we will send those out via ParentPay. Of course these are all subject to change due to possible Covid restrictions.

What a busy week!

PTFA NEWS

WHAT IS A PTFA?

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.

ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Note 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



of at 8.45am. 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 in support of the MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS 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.



Friday Worship

On a Friday 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:

Jayden, Evie H, Max, Macie, Saira, Oscar, Zoe, Ryan R, Heera, Fhamida, Aaban, Olivia and Fraya B

Well done to Albie for achieving his pen licence.

Well done to Kingdom for 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-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

Why is the sky blue?



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

Have a lovely weekend and I hope the sunshine holds.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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