

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th September 2024

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Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We discussed our Teamwork matters.

Attendance

As we start our new year together we have new Attendance expectations from the Department for Education.



Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

This week our Whole School Attendance was 96.3%.

This Week...

Acorn class have settled really well into school life and on Wednesday had their first school lunch. It was lovely to see some of their parents join us too! Today is their first full day and it has been thrilling to see their smiles throughout the day.

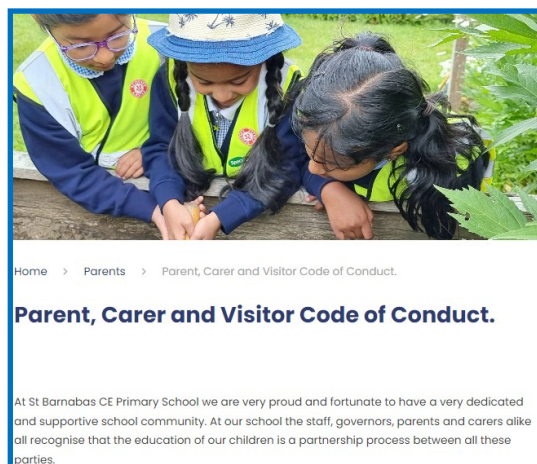
Clubs started this week and we greatly appreciate all the adults who are giving time to lead the different clubs on offer. I know I am biased but in Lego club it is lovely to see children working together to achieve some fabulous models.

Some of our Year 6 children sat their Kent Test (11+) yesterday and took on this challenge with confidence and purpose.

Tomorrow is Tunbridge Wells Heritage Day and the school will be open from 10am-3pm.

Can we remind you...

I would like to remind all parents about our school expectations when on the school grounds. Please ensure your behaviour and what you say cannot in any way be deemed aggressive or intimidating towards others. We want all parents, children and staff to be able to enter and leave school in a safe and calm manner and not feel in anyway daunted by having to pass other parents at the gate. A copy of our parent code of conduct can be found on our school website:



Thank you for your support in making our school a safe and happy environment.

Have you seen our School Website lately?

Over the Summer our website has been updated and refreshed ready for the new academic year. Do have a look on www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk and you will find:



If you click on these links you can find out about what your children are learning and also their home learning. Year 6 also have access to Google Classroom to share their learning.

Information about School lunches and the latest menu can also be found on the website.

Latest Updates

A screenshot of the school website's 'Latest Updates' section. It features three main components: 1. An Instagram post from @stbarnabas.office with a green and white graphic that says "you scan, we donate ££s TO SCHOOLS." and text about the Asda Rewards Cashpot. 2. An 'Upcoming Events' calendar listing: 24 OCT Open Morning for Reception class 2025, 28 OCT Half term Holiday, and 05 NOV Open Morning for Reception class 2025. 3. A 'Latest Newsletter' card with a blue background and floral pattern, including a 'DOWNLOAD' button.

Quick links to our Calendar, Newsletter and news from our School Office Instagram account.

Our Values and Vision

Our Vision

We believe:

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

- It is a privilege to nurture and develop our children.
- An outstanding education enables children to reach their full potential.
- Children are the future of our community.
- Christian faith informs behaviour and moulds character of our adults and children.

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Our Values and Vision and information about being a Church School.

In our Online Office key information:

In this section

- Attendance
- Admissions
- Adverse Weather
- Arbor
- Our School Day
- School Clubs
- School Lunches
- School Uniform
- Term Dates
- When my child is unwell
- Wraparound Care
- Year 6 Leavers' Destinations

Do have a look for yourselves....



As part of the **Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival** we will be hosting a FREE Family Workshop on the 26th September 3.15-5pm in the School Hall, with refreshments courtesy of Charlie's Angels (Camden Road).

The workshop will be to decorate Rhino Heads to wear in the Puppetry Festival Parade on the 13th October (more details later). So come and join us and create your own unique Rhino Head, your only limit is your imagination.

Spaces are limited so to book contact Dave on 07966190428 or dprodrick@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk, or speak to me on the playground.



We are very pleased to be welcoming back to school the Emotional Wellbeing Team (EWT). The team are offering support when needed and finding out your ideas about how we can all work together to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children at school name.

Please find enclosed a leaflet which tells you all about the Emotional Wellbeing Team. You can also find out more by watching this short animation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duXLsp5wFRE>

How does my child access this support? How do I access this support?

Your child may be included in whole school initiatives, for example, assemblies and classroom-based activities that raise awareness about emotional wellbeing and mental health. In addition, children with a specific identified emotional wellbeing need (e.g., worry) may be invited to join a group or workshop, and you will be informed if your child is included. Groups and workshops for parents (e.g., 'Understanding your child's behaviour') will be advertised by the school.

The team also provide online support, which is available on the next page.

If you would like to discuss any of the above information, please contact Mrs Duncombe or Dave for further information.



Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety



NELFT NHS Foundation Trust

OSI - ONLINE SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AROUND CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Being away from caregivers ← General worries → School worries

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

Bedtime fears → Social worries → Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections) → & more

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

Best care by the best people



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FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS/CARERS

“My son’s anxiety has noticeably declined, and I feel much more confident...we worked together on a specific goal and I have to say it was life changing. I even used it for my daughter about a year she had and again, I can say that it worked for her too.”

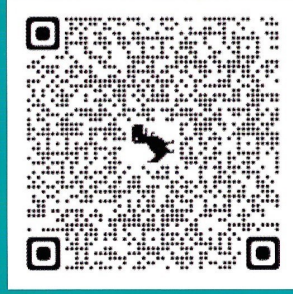
“It has been tremendously worthwhile for us, and I have a happier child now as a result.”

GET IN TOUCH:

Scan the QR code for more information on OSI.

If your child attends one of our schools, and you are interested in learning more about OSI and whether this is the right support for you, please email our team at:

EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk



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Celebration

In our Friday 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: Kareem, Daisy, Logan, Darcie, Millie, Dylan, Arlo, Yazmin, Ellis, Molly, Henry, Lena, Alexis and Lois.

Please do let us know if you are awarded any achievement outside school – we would love to celebrate!

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: safeguarding@st-barnabas.kent.sch.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.

Please make sure children are dressed in the correct uniform and have a named water bottle everyday. If your child has to wear earrings please can we ask that they are small and not hooped.

And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and hopefully the sun will continue to shine!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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