

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 5th November 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 continued to look at the importance of the Saints

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

I do hope everyone had a wonderful half term and I hope those of you who are battling with illness are on the road to recovery. With our first week back the weather has certainly changed, so please make sure your child brings in a named coat every day.

Our Oak class children have now met their buddies and this week went on an adventure together to the park. The children had a great time and I know both classes loved being together.

On Wednesday we had a visit from our School Improvement Authority who was very pleased with what he saw and impressed with how our children were confident in expressing our Vision and Values.

Yesterday saw our first set of tours for prospective parents for the next academic year. It was lovely to show our school to new parents and have lovely comments being made about our children and school. If you have a child who is going to start school next September, do contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Poppy Appeal



We will be collecting again for the British Legion, and next week Year 6 will be going round classes with Poppies and also this year the following items for sale:

Reflector: 50p

Zip pulls: 50p

Wristband: £1

Snap band: £1.50

Poppies: 50p (suggested donation)

Mayor's Toy Appeal



As a school we are able to access the Mayor's Toy Appeal on behalf of any families who feel they may struggle to afford any presents for their child/children this year. If you feel this applies to you, please contact Dave direct on 07966 190428 ASAP, in confidence, to arrange a time to talk to him about your child's/children's needs and likes so that we can then put in a request on your behalf. Last call Friday 12th November.

Children in Need: Friday 19th November



To celebrate and support this charity we will be dressing up in own clothes for the day!
If you would like to wear spots or maybe dress up as Pudsey please do!

Donations of £1 can be made on the day or you can donate via ParentPay.

Garden Work Party



On Saturday 6th November, the Rotary Club and PTFA are organising a working party to continue the work started in the summer to redevelop the school garden. The session will start at 10am and finish no later than 4pm. If the weather is good and there is still more work to be done, we will also form a working party for Sunday 7th November as well.

We are planning to use this time to build new raised beds, re-deck the stage area, woodchip the woodland area and level the grass area.

If you are able to lend your support and help us, please contact Mr Mackinnon using the Beech Class email address: beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Thank you for your help.

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: Lilly-Bell, Max, Nadirah, Saanvi, Nathaniel, Rosie, Tia, Emilia, Ryan S, Tom I, All of Year 6

Well done to Saints for the most team points this week!

Well done also to Daniel O for achieving his pen licence.

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
Do you know of any birds who cannot fly?



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 keep safe!

With best wishes

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