

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 19th 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 stories from different faiths.

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.



This week



On Sunday we laid a wreath at the St Barnabas Church War Memorial. It was a lovely service and brought our Remembrance activities to an end. Thank you to everyone who gave money to the poppy appeal.

Tuesday saw our Year 5 & 6 football team take part in a competition – do see the report on page 2 of this Newsletter. Well done to the team, Mr Luckhurst and Uplands College who provided transport. We look forward to our next competition which is Year 3 & 4 football next week.

This week is Interfaith Week and as part of our worship we have been listening to stories from different faiths. Songs from our KS1 Nativity are being learnt and I know many of our children are busy learning their words too.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Ansell has become one of our Parent Governors and we welcome her to our team. We do still have another vacancy for a Parent Governor. If this role interests you, or you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Duncombe or the School Office.

Acorn Class 2022 – 2023

If you have a child born between 01 September 2017– 31 August 2018 they should be starting Reception next September. Applications close on Monday 17th January and can be completed online via KCC <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

If you have not come and visited the school, please do book an appointment via the school office.

Football Match Report



Congratulations to Dolcie, Adeline, Megan, Felicity, Hollie, Nicole, Sanskriti, Eleanor and Laurance on the Year 5 & 6 girls football tournament!

The first match was against Wadhurst and with Dolcie's amazing tackling skills, she scored the first goal of the tournament by inches. With great passes from the team and excellent defending from all the girls, they kept a clean sheet. With a tight score of 1:0, the match ended with Wadhurst shaking St Barnabas' hands with great sportsmanship!

With confidence from the last match, St Barnabas were now against Stonegate. In the first half Dolcie and Laurence both scored sensational goals with amazing passes from the rest of the team. As the first half ended, the second half was just about to begin. Nicole shot the ball into the goal, making the score now 3-0 leaving Dolcie to score three goals that ended the match 6-0 to St Barnabas.

With the last game coming up, this was the most important match of the tournament. Within minutes the first half went by with the score remaining 0-0. With spectacular passing from the opposition, they managed to get a shot on goal but, with an amazing save by Sanskriti, stopped them from changing the score.

The match went on and with Megan and Adeline's amazing defending skills, Mark Cross had no chance of scoring. With great power and with an amazing force, Eleanor kicked the ball into the goal with help from Dolcie's long throw which made the score 1-0 and the match came to a halt.

Unstoppable St Barnabas had done it once again and with the cup in their hands and 'player of the match' awarded to Dolcie, they stood proud and glorious.

By Adeline and Dolcie.

WONDER LIGHTS *Weekend*

Forget Halloween. Christmas will wait. Wonder Lights is back!

At the end of this month, Wonder Lights returns: a weekend for you and your children to light up your house however you please. There's no theme: choose whatever interests your family, or just matches your artistic talents!

On Wonder Lights Weekend you'll discover other fantastic window displays on show across Tunbridge Wells. Lots of houses are signed up already: just add yours to the map. You'll find ideas and tips on the website, too.

Sign up:
www.wonderlights.info

Light up:
Sat 27 & Sun 28 November, 5 to 8pm



Dates for your diaries.....

Tuesday 23rd November	Year 3 & 4 Boys Football
Thursday 25th November	Year 4 trip to Maidstone Museum Drama4all
Friday 3rd December	PTFA film event—more details later
Tuesday 7th December	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football tbc
Friday 10th December	Ice Skating for Years 2– 6
Tuesday 14th December	KS1 Nativity performance: 10 am
Tuesday 14th December	KS2 performance: evening—more details later
Wednesday 15th December	KS1 Nativity performance: 10 am
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Drama Club Production: am
Friday 17th December	End of term

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: Henio, Jane, Bradley, Destiny H, Jordan, Aiyana, Julianne, All of Maple, Matt, Roger, Griffin, Freya F, Josh, Panashe, Megan and Lara.

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

Well done also to Aaban and Yoseph for achieving their pen licences.

Well done also to our football team, and Dolcie too!

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

Ichthyophobia is a type of bird - true or false?



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 thank you to everyone who has supported the Children in Need appeal—so far we have raised over £180!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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