

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 22nd November 2024

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

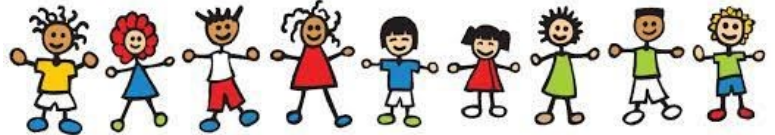


Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We found out about the importance of being kind as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

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 93%.

This Week...

Thank you again to every one who supported Children in Need. As a school we raised a fantastic £248.15 which includes the £62.55 raised by our Year 4 team.

This week children in our KS1 are learning their songs and it has been fun moving down the corridor and hearing the children singing– not always in stereo! Information is being sent out about costumes and tickets this week.

On Wednesday Betsy our School dog had her first visit for this academic year and had a lovely time meeting our younger classes. The children were very excited but were very sensible to be quiet near Betsy and listen to Miss Langley's instructions. Betsy will be coming back soon to visit our older children.



Our Christmas School Post Box will be available from next week



and can we kindly ask that your child remembers to add the class name to their envelope for speedy deliveries!! If you need a class list please let the School office know.

Lastly we have noticed that some of our children are not wearing the correct uniform. Please can we ask that all children have the correct shoes, hair tied up and no jewellery– thank you for your help!

Christmas Lunch

Please find attached the Christmas Lunch menu, which we will be having at school on Thursday 19th December 2024. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper (instead of their usual jumper/cardigan) on this day, along with their usual school uniform (not own clothes).

The cost of the Christmas lunch is the same as normal lunches (£2.48) and for Free School Meal/KS1 pupils, it is free. However, everyone (including FSM/KS1 children) who would like a Christmas lunch needs to order one following the steps below:

1. Log onto your Arbor account and navigate to the Activities -> Trips section.
2. Click on either the Roast Chicken Christmas Lunch OR Vegetarian Christmas Lunch.
3. Click the green button that says 'sign (name) up for this trip'.

The only children who need to pay for their meal are years 3-6, who are not eligible for Free School Meals. Please top up the meals section in Arbor to pay for this lunch as it will be deducted from your account in the usual way.

The deadline for ordering the Christmas lunch is Monday 25th November 2024.



Dates for your diary

November

Thursday 28th Flu Immunisations

December

Tuesday 3rd Year 4 Farm Trip

Friday 6th Children to wear **own clothes** and bring in an item for their class Colour Hamper.

Tuesday 10th KS1 Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 11th KS1 Performance @ 2:15pm

Thursday 12th KS1 Performance @ 2:15pm

Friday 13th Children to wear **Christmas Jumpers**
PM – Christmas Fair – parents from 3:15pm

Tuesday 17th KS2 Carol Celebration @ 2pm in the Church

Thursday 19th Children to wear **Christmas Jumpers** and Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th Last Day of Term

Keep an eye out for PTFA events and if you are able to help or want to get involved please contact our PTFA on ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Christmas Fair! FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

The PTFA will be holding a Christmas Fair in the school hall from 3:15-5pm on Friday 13th December. Come along and play some festive games, enjoy a hot drink and treats and find out if you've won one of our Class Rainbow Hampers. There will also be an opportunity to buy or order Christmas wreaths and seasonal foliage to bring some extra Festive cheer to your home!



Children can pop over to the hall with their class after 2pm, and parents/carers are welcome from 3:15pm. Entry is free and activities will be charged between 50p- £1.

To make this happen, we need lots of lovely volunteers like you! Even if you can only offer half an hour to help on a game stall, we would love for you to join in.

How can you help?

Games stall:

(Taking money, giving prizes, clear up)

Pin the nose on Rudolph

Candy Cane Lane

Lucky Lolly Tree

Santa Street

Santa down the chimney

Hamper Raffle tickets

If you have an idea for a game or stall you'd like to organise and run please let us know!

Refreshments:

(Taking money, serving, clear up)

Hot/cold drinks

Festive treats

Snowman biscuit decorating

Clear up after 5pm:

We need to leave the school hall tidy!

Please contact the PTFA on ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk with your availability and what you would like to help with.

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:

Stars of the Week: Kleigh, Alfie-Lee, Leo, Logan, Catherine, Sophia N, Fred, Cody, Samuel, Joshua, Aaron, Einoras and Jake.

Team Point winner: Saints.

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...

Have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW