

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 29th November 2024

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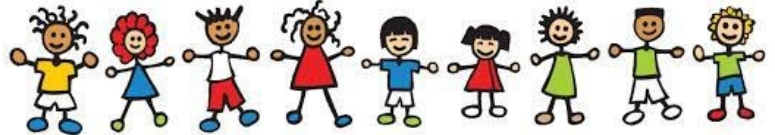


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we found out about Advent.

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 92%.

This Week...

Weather seems to be very much on the news this term, especially in its extreme form.

Last weekend Storm Bert brought high winds and unfortunately our Willow Class Outside classroom was rather battered:



We have been told by our neighbours that there was a sudden cloud of paper rising from the playground and some of our resources were found in their back gardens! Mrs Pring and I cleared up the mess left behind and we hope we can salvage most of the equipment.

Preparations for Christmas have continued with all our children learning their lines and songs. The PTFA are busy organising our Christmas Fair. Please do get involved if you are able to—if not, come along on the day! Information about Christmas Hampers was emailed earlier this week. We have a variety of other Christmas events so do please check your School emails as it is a busy and exciting time!

Finally our Christmas School Post Box is now up and running: can we kindly ask that your child remembers to add the class name to their envelope for speedy deliveries!!

PTFA Event



The PTFA invite you to make your own Christmas wreath to bring festive cheer to your home, at a wreath making workshop! Come and get creative and enjoy a cup of mulled wine and festive spirit. All materials will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own extra decorative items. Local florist, Jo Fisher, will guide you through the process so you can take home your finished creation.

The workshops are being held in the school hall on:

Thursday 12th December from 6.30-8.00pm or

Sunday 15th December from 12.00-1.30pm

Book your place in the Arbor School Shop - there are two price options which include a donation to the PTFA: £25 (to give a £5 donation) or £30 (to give a £10 donation).

Any questions please contact the PTFA on ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

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 PTFA Event from 6.30-8.00pm (see above)
Friday 13th	Children to wear Christmas Jumpers Year R and 1 to see Christmas Show PM – Christmas Fair
Sunday 15th	PTFA event 12.00-1:30pm (see above)
Tuesday 17th	KS2 Carol Celebration @ 2pm in the Church
Thursday 19th	Children to wear Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th	Year 5 and 6 Pantomime Trip Last Day of Term

Christmas Fair! FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

The PTFA will be holding a Christmas fair in the school hall from 2-5pm 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:

Our Stars this week are: Oscar F, Aaradhya, Raif, Juno, Charlie, Adam, Ted, Demi, Destiny, Charith, Bella and Phoebe.

Team Points winner: Kingdom

Well done to Lovinia for achieving her handwriting award.

Well done also to Mila who took part in a Gymnastics competition last week.

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 have a warm weekend and maybe see some Christmas lights?

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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