

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 6th November 2024

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

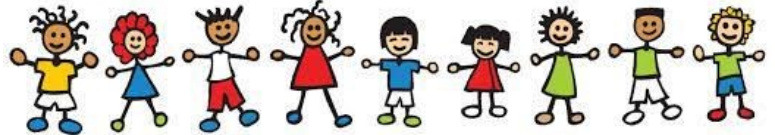
We have continued to find out about Advent.

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 91%.



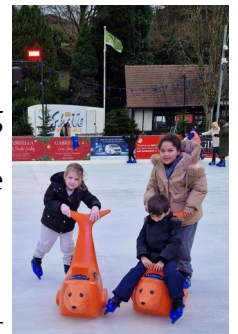
This Week...

What a fabulous week we've had with all our children preparing for their Christmas performances. The singing sounds fabulous across the school.

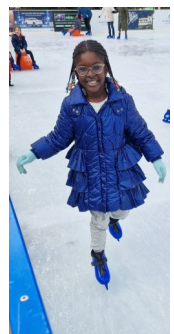


On Monday morning Acorn class went to the Post Office to post their letters to Father Christmas and even met a very large teddy bear! The children had a great time.

On Monday afternoon our Year 2 went ice skating as part of their topic on Frost Fairs. All the children had a great time and a huge thank you to all our parent helpers who made both trips possible.



Year 4 visited Tablehurst Farm on Tuesday and had a fantastic time finding out about what the farmer does and also meeting a variety of animals. Mrs Barter was informed that 'they were a fabulous group of curious and engaged children with lots of great questions!' We were very fortunate that the Countryside Trust helped to subsidise the trip to enable Year 4 to go.



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 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 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 Years R and 1 to see Christmas Show
PM – Christmas Fair	
Sunday 15th	PTFA event 12-1:30pm
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

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 are: Vinnie, Reuben, Vedhashree, Emmanuel, David, Henio, all in Chestnut Class, Morire, Alicia, Stefan, Oscar M and Zoe.

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...

I hope you have a warm weekend and we look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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