

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

**Newsletter Friday 13th December 2024**

*Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.*

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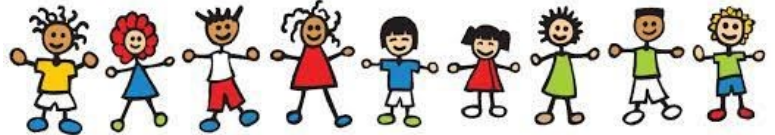


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We continued to explore the Christmas story.

## Attendance

We continue to work hard to achieve the 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 95%.

## This Week...

Christmas celebrations have certainly moved up a gear this week with our children in Acorn, Willow and Beech taking centre stage in performing their Nativity called 'The Nativity!'. The whole school watched their dress rehearsal on Monday and we also had the pleasure of welcoming N.family Nursery who also joined us.

The children performed twice more to their families and yet again were outstanding and really aspired to their roles and working as a team! A huge thank you to all the KS1 team for making this year's nativity a great success!



Next week it is the turn of our KS2 children who will be having their own Christmas celebration in the Church on Tuesday at 2pm. Please do join us if you can.

Today is our Christmas Fair and as I write this the classes are busy finishing off their contributions and our thanks again for the many Hamper gifts.

## Dates for your diary:

### December

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Friday 13th   | Children to wear Christmas Jumpers<br>Year R and 1 to see Christmas Show<br>PM – Christmas Fair @3.15pm |
| 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<br>Last Day of term   |

### January

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| Monday 6th     | Term starts—all children back |
| Wednesday 22nd | Young Voices                  |

### February

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| Mon 17th – Fri 21st | <b>February Half Term</b> |
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### March

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| Thursday 6th | World Book Day             |
| Friday 28th  | School Sponsored walk– tbc |

### Future dates

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| Friday 4th April      | End of Term     |
| Tuesday 22nd April    | Start of Term 5 |
| May 26th– Friday 30th | Half Term       |
| Monday 2nd June       | INSET day       |
| Tuesday 1st July      | Sports Day      |
| Wednesday 2nd July    | Sports Day      |
| Friday 18th July      | End of Term 6   |

## 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 of the Week: Lena-Mae, Zak, Kyza, Beech Class, Elijah, Aayan C, Mya, Evie, Teddy, Nina, Lola and Rosie.

Team Points winner: Kingdom.

Congratulations to Mya and Sara for their Sunday School awards.

*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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

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## 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](mailto: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.

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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