

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 20th 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 94%.

This Week...

What a fabulous week and what a fabulous term!

Christmas is always a very busy time in school and this week we finished the term with our Festive Fair which was a great success. Over £1300 was raised for the school and congratulations to all our winners. A special mention to Cristian who won the Year 5 bear called Coco and Lola who not only won the Year 6 Gingerbread toy called Nutmeg but also successfully guessed the height of our Christmas tree.

KS2 led a fabulous Christmas celebration in the Church on Tuesday. The singing certainly raised the roof and it was lovely to see the Church so full. Year 5 on Wednesday went to the local Care Home to sing carols and the residents were very impressed with their singing too.

Thursday saw the School tucking into their Christmas Lunch and enjoying the very corny jokes in the crackers; this will prepare Year 5 and 6 who are off to the Pantomime today... oh yes they are!

A huge thank you for all your support and also kindness this term.

We have a fantastic team here at St Barnabas' and I would like to thank them all for their dedication and hard work.

Today we finish for Christmas and I do hope everyone has a chance to rest and have time with their families.





**S Barnabas' Church extends best wishes to you for a
blessed Christmas and new year!**



Saturday 21st December

4pm

Community Carol Service

Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve– Tuesday 24th December

4pm

Children's Crib and Christingle Service

12 Midnight

Midnight Mass and Procession to the Crib with
traditional Christmas Carols

Christmas Day– Wednesday 25th December

11am

Sung Mass of the Day with traditional Carols

Families are welcome at all of our services.

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: Grayson, Himansh, Mina, Steven, Robert B, Shania, Mahe, Chestnut Class, Saanvi, Maryam, Christo and Rafi.

Team Point winner: Disciples.

Congratulations to Luke for achieving his Orange belt in Karate. Also many congratulations to Henry who came second and Oliver 10th in their respective age range 5k races. Congratulations to Mr Gilbert 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-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...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th January 2025.

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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