

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th January 2025

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 start of the New Year.

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 93%.

This Week...

Happy New Year and I hope everyone had a restful Christmas break! We have come back to the start of the year and a new term with gusto – a bit like our ever changing weather!

With the new term, I would like to remind everyone about our school expectations linked to uniform:

- Please can the correct uniform should be worn at all times and named
- PE kits should be in school everyday
- All long hair should be tied up
- No jewellery apart from an analogue watch or small stud earrings (not hoops or a smart watch)
- No nail varnish



Date list:

Wednesday 22nd January	Young Voices
Friday 7th February	PTFA event
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February	Drama Geezers visiting
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	Half Term
Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th March	Year 6 Residential
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 28th March	Sponsored Walk
Friday 4th April	End of Term

School Uniform

Pupils at St Barnabas' take a pride in wearing a school uniform that promotes a sense of belonging to the school family.

<p>Winter uniform for girls</p> <p>White polo shirt. Grey skirt or grey pinafore, or black (plain) trousers. School sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school logo). White socks or black or grey tights. Black school shoes (not trainers). Optional School fleece.</p>	<p>Winter uniform for boys</p> <p>White polo shirt. Grey trousers (tailored). School sweatshirt (with the school logo). Grey socks. Black school shoes (not trainers). Optional school fleece.</p>
<p>Summer uniform for girls - as above or also:</p> <p>Royal blue checked dress, or Grey culottes (tailored). Sun hat or baseball cap.</p>	<p>Summer uniform for boys - as above or also:</p> <p>Grey shorts (tailored) Sun hat or baseball cap</p>
<p>P.E. – boys and girls</p> <p>Black or navy shorts. School PE shirt* (in the child's house colour**) with the school logo. Black plimsolls. Trainers for field work. Black or navy blue jogging trousers (winter).</p>	<p>P.E. – boys and girls</p> <p>Black or navy shorts. School PE shirt* (in the child's house colour**) with the school logo. Black plimsolls. Trainers for field work. Black or navy blue jogging trousers (winter).</p>

* School Sweatshirts and cardigans, and school PE shirts must be ordered from our uniform supplier, Mapac (www.mapac.com/education/parents). All children are required to wear these uniform items featuring the school logo. All other uniform can be obtained from local shops and supermarkets, and also from our uniform supplier. Please ensure that all items of clothing and your child's belongings are clearly marked. Every effort will be made to return lost property to the right owner. Uncollected items will be taken into the school stock of spare clothing or may be donated to a local charity. The lost property bin is at the entrance to the hall.

Jewellery must not be worn in school. If children have pierced ears they should only wear plain stud earrings, which must be removed for P.E. lessons for the child's own safety. If your child is unable to remove their studs, please make sure they do not wear them to school on P.E. days. Children wearing watches do so at their own risk, during P.E. lessons they must be removed.

Online Support
and Intervention
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OSI - ONLINE SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AROUND CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Being away from
caregivers

General worries

School worries

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

Bedtime fears

Social worries

Phobias (e.g. spiders,
dogs, injections)
& more

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

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FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS/CARERS

"My son's anxiety has noticeably declined, and I feel much more confident...we worked together on a specific goal and I have to say it was life changing. I even used it for my daughter about a year she had and again, I can say that it worked for her too."

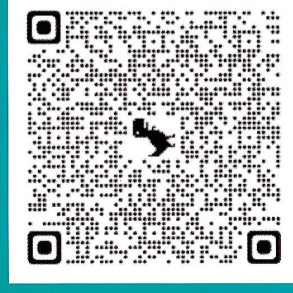
"It has been tremendously worthwhile for us, and I have a happier child now as a result."

GET IN TOUCH:

Scan the QR code for more information on OSI.

If your child attends one of our schools, and you are interested in learning more about OSI and whether this is the right support for you, please email our team at:

EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk



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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: Isabella, Farah, Amelia-Rose, Oliver, Jamal, Kynia, Charlie, Jack, Brijesh, Taisiia, Heidi, Vedika, Einoras and Hayden.

Team Points winner: Angels.

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...

Keep warm!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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