

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 24th January 2025

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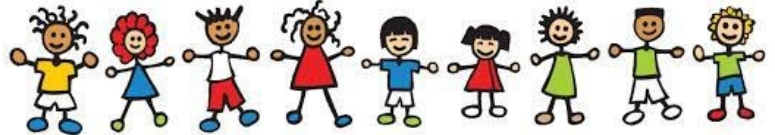


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

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 91%.

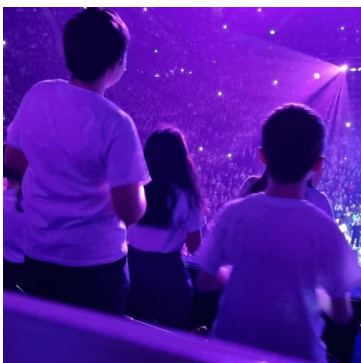
This Week...

Although the weather has been wet and windy this week we have continued to be very busy!

On Tuesday we had a visit from Simon Mole, an acclaimed children's poet and National Poetry Day Ambassador. He spent some time with the Year 2 and 3 children and also led an assembly sharing his poetry. The children had a great time and you can certainly see this in Year 3's expressions...



On Wednesday, some of our KS2 children went up to the O2 to sing at the Young Voices Concert and be part of the 8,279 strong choir. They had a spectacular time, as did the staff and those parents who were able to go along too. Our thanks go to Mrs Barter and Fr. John for leading this event.



As you might have seen in the separate email, our visiting poet Simon can also be seen at the Southborough Civic Centre in 'The Littlest Yak' on Saturday 8th February and 'The Great Big Dinosaur Show' on Saturday 8th March. See simonmole.com, or collect a leaflet from the office.



Staff Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a lively and enthusiastic person to join our team of midday supervisors. Working for an hour and a half at lunchtime each day during term time, you will be responsible for caring for our children, leading play activities, supervising the playground and assisting in the dining hall. To apply go to www.kent-teach.com

Date list:

Friday 7th February	KS1 and KS2 Disco
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February	Drama Geezers visiting
Monday 17th– Friday 21st February	Half Term
Wednesday 5th March	Year R Hearing Screening
Monday 17th– Wednesday 19th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 19th March	Year 5 Trip
Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th March	Year 6 Residential
Friday 28th March	Sponsored Walk
Friday 4th April	End of Term
Tuesday 22nd April	Term 5 begins

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: Andi, Mary, Lucy, Charlotte, Diksha, Dylan, Ajus, Benedita, Billy, Farisa, Edward, Scott and Lena.

Well done to our 02 choir.

Team Point winner: Disciples.

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 keep warm and take care with this windy weather!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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