

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

Newsletter Friday 7th February 2025

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

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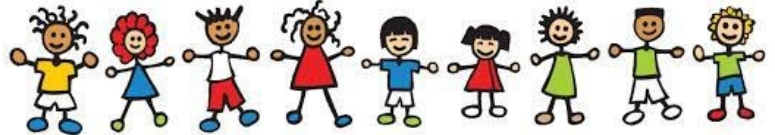


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We found out about two brothers and what power means.

## Attendance

We continue to work hard to achieve the Attendance expectations from the Department for Education.

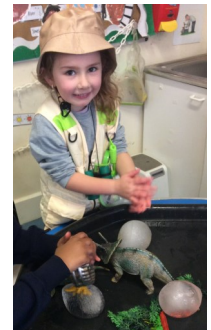
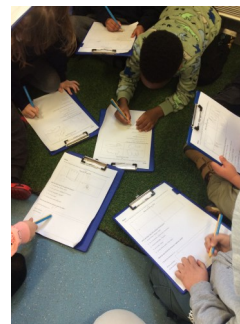


Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

This week our Whole School attendance was again 94%.

## This Week...

Well what an adventure! On Wednesday our Acorn class arrived to find that their classroom had had a visitor! Throughout the day the class completed activities linked to their topic on Dinosaurs which included grilling the headteacher about what I saw when I arrived! The children had a great day:



Well done everyone for all their fantastic efforts.

Today our School Council are visiting The Amelia to take part in a special art project inspired by our school values, both at The Amelia and in our school grounds. This is an exciting project and the school council members can work towards the Council Arts Award.

Tonight we have our PTFA School discos and I am sure everyone will have a super time! A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help to put on these events for our children.

A wonderful week!

## Chess Club News!

In our first Chess Club Tournament Fred and Billy had their final showdown... it was very closely fought, but Fred stole the victory in the end.

Elijah, Billy and Fred now hold the bronze, silver and gold titles respectively and a fresh tournament will begin next week.



## Date list:

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February

Monday 17th– Friday 21st February

Wednesday 5th March

Monday 17th– Wednesday 19th March

Wednesday 19th March

Friday 21st March

Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th March

Friday 28th March

Friday 4th April

Tuesday 22nd April

Drama Geezers visiting

**Half Term**

Year R Hearing Screening

Parent Consultations

Year 5 trip

Red Nose Day

Year 6 Residential

Sponsored Walk

**End of Term**

**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:

Well done to our Chess Club for all their determination.

Stars of the Week: Melodie, Millie, Kareem, Khloe, Charlotte, Diksha, Mahe, Jewel, Iris, Demi, Macie, Daniel, Bella and Jake.

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

Willow: [willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:willow@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...

We currently have some support staff vacancies - do look on the Kent Teach website for more information.

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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