

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 14th February 2025

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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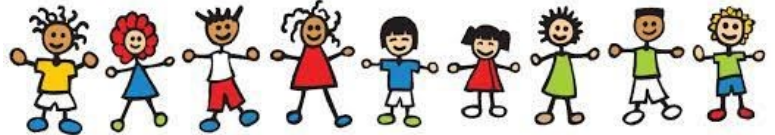


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We found out about the parable of the lost sheep.

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...

Last Friday saw our school hall rocking with music with our PTFA discos. The children had a great time and a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make this event so fabulous!

This week we had The Drama Geezers visit us again and it's always lovely to have them working with us. This year their theme was based around Climate Change and Environmental challenges with the theme Mission Planet. Each class had time in the hall acting out the Mission and then created pictures which will be used to create our own special book.



The children also looked at a picture book based on this theme and we look forward to sharing some of their work in their class blogs and future newsletters.

Today is our last day of Term 3 and we wish everyone a super half term break. We also say goodbye to Mrs Gorringer who is retiring. Mrs Gorringer joined us as a part of the After School Club and then became not only one of our Teaching Assistant team but also a Midday Supervisor. We wish her well and thank her for all her kindness shown to everyone at St Barnabas'.

Breaktime Snacks

Change4Life has launched a new campaign all about snacking!

Did you know half the sugar kids eat comes from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks? Too much sugar can lead to harmful fat building up inside and serious health problems, and also painful tooth decay.



To help you reduce the amount of sugar your children are consuming, remember fruit and veg are always the best snack, and count towards your child's '5 a day'. But if you are giving your children packaged snacks, stick to two a day max!

As a school we have been talking about the snacks that we can eat at break time. As you are aware all our children in KS1 have snack provided by the NHS as part of the Free Fruit and Vegetables scheme.

In KS2 children can bring in a **small** healthy snack from home which could include:

- * Rice cakes or bread sticks
- * A piece of fruit or vegetable sticks
- * Cream crackers
- * Malt loaf
- * **Small** packet of crisps
- * Plain popcorn
- * Dried fruit

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school and sweets and chocolate should only be a special treat in packed lunch boxes.

Date list:

Monday 17th– Friday 21st February

Half Term



Wednesday 5th March

Year R Hearing Screening

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th March

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 19th March

Year 5 trip

Friday 21st March

Red Nose Day

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: Sophia, Bailey, Davina, Esme, Millie, Biser, Aayan H, Billy, Rakshita, Layla, Ishrat, Sesha and Julianne.

Team Point winner: Saints.

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

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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...

Have a lovely break and enjoy the sunshine!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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