

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

Newsletter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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## Dates and Reminders

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October  
Parent  
Consultations

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
End of Term 1

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### Reminder

Can we please ask that at the end of the day children do not go into Acorn or Willow's outside area and play.

### South East Water

South East Water has informed us that they will be carrying out work on Camden Road for one week from the 10th October. This is likely to cause some delays, so please allow extra time for school drop-off and pick-ups if required.

**Attendance** – Well done to Beech who again had the best attendance last week. Who will it be next week?



### This Week in School

Earlier this week we prepared for Harvest Festival on Tuesday. As I have been going around the school this week, I have been able to hear the joyful sound of Harvest Hymns. Acorn Class especially should be very proud of themselves as they sat and listened so well. Our thanks to Fr. John for leading us during our School Mass and thank you to everyone who brought in produce- it was gratefully received.

On Monday we hosted another Able Writer Day with children from Year 5 and 6 working with the poet Brian Moses. They worked with children from four other local schools and created some wonderful poetry. Next year it will be the turn of some of our younger children to take part.

A busy week.

### Volunteers Needed! 15th / 16th October



One of our parents in Willow has very kindly offered to help us out with some much-needed work in the playground. He will be leading a project to replace and refurbish the fencing around the classrooms and other wooden areas outside, as well respraying all the fencing. We would love some helpers – please come along at 10am on Sat 15th and/or Sun 16th October if you can lend a hand.

Any questions please contact Linsey on the office number or [business.manager@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:business.manager@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk). Thank you!

### *Notes from Dave:*

**Parent Coffee on a Monday** - Do come into the school hall after drop off and have a cup of tea or coffee. It is a chance to get to know other parents at the school and find out more about what is happening- it would be lovely to see you there!

### **PTFA dates coming up...**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October School Disco

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November PTFA AGM @ 9am

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November Craft Workshop

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November PTFA Christmas Fayre 11- 2pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February Lantern Parade

## **Secondary Transfer 2017**

Please remember that the closing date is the 31<sup>st</sup> October and you can apply online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

### **The Judd School Open Mornings (Year 6 only)**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - 9.30am-10.30am.**

This is for year 6 pupils only and their parents.

Each family will be shown round by a year 7/8 and Sixth Form pupil and there will be an opportunity to view the School on a working day. Members of staff will be available to answer parents' questions but there will not be a Headmaster's talk.

There will be spaces for about 80 families on each morning (parking off-site) and in order to secure a place for one of the sessions, parents should book a place online via our website after receipt of the 11+ results on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

## **Reception Starters September 2017**

Come and see the school in operation on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Join us in the hall from 9:30am, meet the Headteacher and take a tour around the school.

Please contact the office on 01892 522958 to let us know you are coming.

This week in class:

### **Acorn**

We have been learning the 't' phoneme this week. We read 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and we made our own tiger masks. In Maths, we have been learning about flat shapes by reading lots of Mr Men books. We have been talking about the number of corners and sides each shape has. We have been learning about colour mixing by mixing lots of bowls of coloured water together. We were very lucky to visit the church on Monday with Fr John, who taught us about baptism. In preparation for our Harvest Mass, we have also been learning about why we celebrate Harvest.

### **Willow**

This week Willow Class have been learning about place value and addition in Maths. We have been learning the sounds ph, ew, oe and practising writing tricky words in Phonics. In English we have been practising writing in sentences and drawn a story map. In topic work, the children have designed a boat, looked at what different materials are used for and written describing words for sea creatures.

### **Beech**

'If I had a dragon I would ...' was the title of our story writing today. We are looking at how to improve our writing and make our own corrections. In Maths we have started looking at time. Challenge Beech Class at home by asking them the 'quarter past' and 'quarter to times'. In our KS1 worship today we loved sharing our own thoughts about what we could put in the Harvest Basket of Life which included 'love', 'peace', 'perseverance' and 'thank you for our families'.

### **Maple**

This week the children have been working very hard on writing their own stories based on 'I'll Take You to Mrs Cole' with some excellent work on direct speech. They have focused on imitating the sections the original story falls into and have produced some very creative pieces of writing.

In Maths, we have worked on using the number frog to calculate subtractions. The children have been able to remember the rules to help them hop from the lower number to the higher one, and calculate the difference.

We really enjoyed the Harvest Mass on Tuesday and are very grateful for the generous donations of food that will support those in need. Thank you for your kindness.

### **Chestnut**

Chestnut Class have been exploring subtraction this week and using the method of counting up to find the answer and addition to check out answers. We have continued reading 'How To Train Your Dragon' and used the text to look at sentence structure - identifying nouns and pronouns. We have also practised using the text to extract information and write character profiles. We continued our Anglo Saxon journey by looking at the different diet they had compared to the food that is available today.

In English the children have also been extending sentences, using a range of conjunctions including although, despite, while and whereas. In Maths the class have been identifying the properties of different 3-D shapes. In RE they have been exploring how faith in God can lead people to take risks (looking at the story of two bible smugglers) and thinking about their own treasured possessions.

### **Lilac**

Lilac Class have been learning about William Morris this week. We have been looking at a range of reference books about the Arts and Crafts Movement and thinking about why the movement started up. Lilac Class have decorated a selection of original William Morris designs and have then moved onto designing their own original tiles in the style of William Morris. In Science, we have been thinking about the conductivity of different materials, especially looking at a range of metals. In English Lilac Class have moved onto chapter four about when the central character, Jim Jarvis enters the workhouse. We have been describing the setting using simple and complex sentences in our writing this week. In Maths, we have been solving multiplication and division problems using our RUCSAC method to help us.

### **Oak**

It has been another busy week in Oak! In our Maths work, we have been investigating prime numbers and we have also been revisiting column subtraction. In English, we have been focusing on spelling this terms words correctly and completing our retelling of Perseus and Medusa. The children also wrote prayers for Tuesday's Harvest Mass.



Why don't we have 11p coins?

A colder end to this week, so wrap up warm and have a lovely weekend.

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