

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

Newsletter Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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## Dates and Reminders

### Book Club

A huge thank you to everyone who has ordered books. Over £300 of orders were placed, giving over £60 commission for the school.

### Lost Property

We still have lots of coats in the school hall with no names. Do go and have a look and see if one of those is yours.

## Our Christmas Fair is coming....



**St Barnabas School Christmas Fair**

*Craft Gifts  
Edible Gifts  
Games & Activities  
Prize Raffle  
Bottle Tombola  
Kids' Tombola  
Face Painting*

**BBQ  
Hot Drinks  
Mince Pies  
Cakes**

*Plus Special Guest!!*

*Xmas Trees for sale*

**Saturday 26th November 2016 11am-2pm**  
Quarry Road, TN1 2EY

Thank you to everyone so far who are working hard to make our Fair fabulous. Please remember that the hamper competition deadline is next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, and all next week the PTA will be collecting bottles in the playground for the tombola.



## This Week in School

A very busy week with the children starting to learn their songs for their Christmas productions. On Tuesday we had our School Improvement Advisor come to visit and complete a learning walk and review of the children's books. She was very pleased with what she saw which is great news.

On Wednesday Fr John challenged us to name some Kings and Queens of the modern world as part of his worship- they were quite tricky!

This week in class:

### **Acorn**

This week we have been learning the c/k phoneme. We read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and printed our own caterpillar pictures. We have been learning to write the c and k graphemes and have begun writing words such as 'cat' and 'kit'. In Maths, we have been learning to write the numbers 0-5. We have been writing the numbers in lots of different ways; in chalk, in glittery sand and on the floor using water. In our play, we have been making lots of junk models, exploring in the water tray, ordering numbers, and building space ships! In RE, we have been learning about the Christmas story and begun preparing for our Nativity by learning lots of songs about Jesus' birth.

### **Willow**

This week in Willow Class we have been doing activities based around the story of the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. This has included making a story map, writing part of the story, designing our own sandwiches and lighthouses and writing instructions on how to make a sandwich. In Maths we have been doing some problem solving using addition and subtraction. The children have also been practising their number bonds for 10 and counting in 2s and 10s. We have been practising our letter and number formation and learning to spell number names. In RE we have been discussing things that you might find in a church and the children have also been discussing how to be a good friend. We are starting to practise our songs for our Nativity play "Children of The World". A busy week!

### **Beech**

Beech Class had a wonderful 'Wedding Day' on Thursday! According to Fr John they took the wedding very seriously! They were all fantastic in whatever part they played. Well done to everyone. Some fantastic wedding invitations and thank you letters have been written. Thank you so much to all parents who helped with costumes and food.

### **Maple**

We have been researching aspects of the Bronze Age this week as part of our topic. We have thought about what marks it out as a period distinct from the Stone Age, and the changes made possible by the production of bronze. In English, we read versions of the folk tale 'The Old Man and the Magic Bowl'. We used the text to work on our understanding of word class and made lists of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs that we found. We will be planning our own traditional tales using some of the Indian characters we have learned about in the last few weeks. We have begun a times table speed challenge in class. We do this together, with me scribing the answers. The children are really engaged and keen for us to improve our times on the 3, 4 and 8 times table. I hope I can keep up with them.

Finally, the class led act of worship on Thursday. Their theme was 'good acts' and they contributed to drama, a bible reading and a prayer. It is lovely to see how confident they are in front of the older school pupils.

### **Chestnut**

This week Chestnut Class have been focusing on place value in Maths and using reasoning to prove how we got our answers. We have then transferred our skills to solve different types of problems. In English we have been thinking about using different words in our writing for the words big and said. We have used these words to create a dialogue between Hiccup and Green Death, where Hiccup has to persuade the dragon not to eat the Vikings. We have been investigating how Vikings invaded different countries and the routes they took. We have also looked at what it would be like to be involved in a Viking raid and why the Vikings were so successful. In English the children have been writing poetry linked to the different emotions, they used poetic devices including similes and metaphors. In Maths they have been calculating the area of shapes and solving problems related to this. In Science they took part in a 'chewing' experiment. They thought about the digestive process and how we use our canines, incisors and molars. The class read and thought about different passages from the Bible and how these words might support a Christian with different problems.

### **Lilac**

In Lilac Class this week we have been finding out about the perimeter of a range of shapes. Today the children have been challenged to create their own space using perimeter to help them in their challenge. The children have been writing sentences using clauses and looking at 'ough' words'. In PE they have been developing their skill of handball and tag rugby.

### **Oak**

During the past term and a half, we have read many Greek myths and this week we have been planning and writing our own. The children have had to think about the features of Greek myths and try to include these in their own stories.

In Maths we have been calculating missing angles and continuing to work on solving addition and subtraction calculations.

In our topic work, we have been finding out about Greek hoplites and triremes.

On Monday we had an interesting lesson on e-safety. We discussed how to keep ourselves safe on-line, the children then went on to design their own posters.

## Attendance –

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 96% to achieve. Last week the best class was Beech- well done. Here is the breakdown for each class:

Acorn	92.9%
Willow	92.3%
Beech	99.3%
Maple	97%
Chestnut	96.1%
Lilac	94.4%
Oak	96.9%

## PTFA

Thank you to everyone who came to the craft-making event last Saturday. Your support for this event was wonderful.

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

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



Think think think

### Something to think about:

How many different colours of black are there?  
Is black a colour?

Dates coming up:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am - KS1 Nativity in the school hall

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am - KS1 Nativity in the school hall

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - KS2 Christmas Concert in the Church

Keep warm this weekend. With best wishes

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Some of the Year 2 Wedding Photographs...



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