

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 5th May 2017

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

This week discussed the importance of Peace.

Reminders

Please remember to book with the school office at least 24 hours in advance if you require After School Club.

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Help!

Does anyone have a small trampoline they no longer use? Mrs Maguire would like one for Sensory Circuits as our current ones are broken.

Many thanks!

Year 6 Residential

Please can we ask that your next instalment is paid as soon as possible.

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind all families that packed lunches should be healthy lunchboxes. The children should not have any sweets as part of their lunch. Please also make sure they take their box home with them!!

Attendance Challenge

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 96% to achieve. Here is the breakdown for each class:

Acorn	94.33 %
Willow	96.67 %
Beech	98.00%
Maple	99.00%
Chestnut	98.15 %
Lilac	97.93 %
Oak	96.21 %



This Week in School

Although we had only four days in school this week it has certainly been busy!

Year 6 have been completing their final preparations for their assessments next week. They have been working very hard over the past months and we know they will try their best. We are very proud of all of our children and know they have many strengths, whether academic, creative or sporty.

On Wednesday I went to a Safeguarding meeting; this is about keeping the children in our school safe. Every school has a "Designated Safeguarding Lead" and this is the person who you should talk to if there are any concerns related to the safety of our children. This is currently myself, and if I am not in school it is Mrs Pring.

We have started to use an additional part of Parentmail to enable payments, consent etc. for trips to be completed online. This is a new venture for us, we hope it will make it quicker and easier for you to pay for trips, and we would value feedback.

Class News

Acorn Class News:

This week we have been learning the 'ure' trigraph in phonics and we have been revising our tricky words. In English, we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and we have been drawing and writing our own lifecycle diagrams. In Maths we have been learning to halve shapes and halve a group of objects by counting out a group of toys before sharing them between two people. In our play, we have been painting minibeasts, building dens and creating dinosaur kingdoms!

Willow Class News:

This week Willow Class have been practising using adjectives and suffixes in their writing and the children wrote a recount of their weekend on Tuesday. In Maths, the children have been learning about place value. They have been adding and subtracting 10 or 20 from different numbers, looking where different 2 digit numbers are on a number line and 100 square and been practising their counting skills up to 100 in 1s, 5s and 10s. In Phonics we have been learning about alternative pronunciation for 'c' and 'g'. In Science we have been talking about what different animals eat and have started to learn what the words 'carnivore', 'herbivore' and 'omnivore' mean. The children have also drawn pictures in response to music and researched what their name means as part of our RE topic.

Beech Class News:

In English we explored how we could use our understanding of connectives to create information sentences which compared life in Tunbridge Wells to Vietnam. We used the and/but/because connectives to create statements which compared clothes, food and transport in the two locations. In ICT, we used word processing software to create a document which demonstrated this understanding. In Maths, we reinforced the fluency of our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We then used this understanding to solve a range of different multiplication problems.

We also revisited how to use the 'greater than' and 'smaller than' symbols and used them to solve multiplication problems. Finally, we continued to develop our understanding of how to tell the time on an analogue clock. In R.E. we talked about the parable of the wise man who builds his house upon the rock. We discussed 'what are the important truths in our lives that we build our foundations on'. Tennis was all about the volley shot, practising first using the tennis balls in a straight catch and then in a cone! Beech Class art is developing beautifully. We discovered some fantastic talent as we painted our Vietnamese pictures on a large scale.

Maple Class News:

Continuing with our work on fractions, we have been ordering fractions with a common denominator. We have also carried out an investigation into comparing fractions and creating a rule to help us understand the size of fractions according to their denominator. We agreed that we would rather have half a bag of sweets than an eighth!

This week in English we have moved on to writing calligrams. We have been working on how to present a poem in a shape that is appropriate to its theme. This has involved stretching and contracting words and sentences so the poem fits an outline. We have also begun to plan our own poems ready to shape them into calligrams.

We have been working on collages of the sea. As part of our topic 'Survival of the Fittest' we are reading Robinson Crusoe and will be basing our art and design and technology work around this theme.

Chestnut Class News:

This week Chestnut Class have been showing what features they have learnt about writing different types of letters. In English the children looked at how to write an effective character description. They looked at how to build a picture using physical description, description of clothing, metaphors/similes/how the character yet moves/stream of consciousness, and also mentioning what the character does not have! In Maths the children worked on reading coordinates on a grid, accurately. We have also been looking at the value of decimals and making sure we can order them correctly.

On Wednesday we had an exciting Egyptian day where we investigated different foods that the Egyptians would have eaten. We also started making water clocks ready to finish next week. We ended the day with an Egyptian feast. The children worked on finding different items on an 'archeological dig' and how to record the coordinates accurately. In Science the class looked at how a food chain works. They identified producers and consumers and placed different living things in a food chain.

Lilac Class News:

In Maths this week, Lilac Class have been identifying a wide range of 3D shapes and matching shapes to their nets. We have also started to think about properties of rectangles to deduce related facts and find missing lengths and angles. In English, we have been developing our knowledge about homophones and improving our use of direct and indirect speech by thinking of alternative words for 'said'. We have also been levelling up our extended writing about being a real survivor of the Titanic disaster. In Science, we have focused on a wider range of animal groups and been thinking about what classifies an animal as an invertebrate or vertebrate. In RE, we have been thinking of Salvation and Atonement in relation to the giving and receiving of gifts. In Music, we have been listening to Benjamin Britten's Four Sea Interludes and discussed the dynamics used, instrumentation, how the music makes us feel and how it described the North Sea, off the coast of Suffolk.

Oak Class News:

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this week. They have created Maths revision cards, made grammar posters and have even completed some practice papers. We are all so proud of their continued perseverance and we are impressed with the progress that they have all made.

Creative Week!

In the middle of June we will be having a creative week with activities for children and adults (more details later in May). A big element of the week will be working with recycled materials. In the first instance can I ask you to donate any of the following:

- Plastic carrier bags you no longer use.
- Used envelopes (any colour)
- Brown paper
- Large sweet bags (Maltesers, Revels, etc)
- Crayons (even small pieces)
- Aluminium foil (unused but surplus to requirements)
- Pieces of cardboard (cut to roughly A4 or A3 size)
- Any match pots of paint (emulsion only)
- Any glass jars with wide openings and labels off / surplus vases
- Any surplus scraps of material

Please put all your donations into the big bag in the front entrance by the office.

If you have a creative skill that you can share during the week, please contact Dave on 07966 190428 or via the school office.

Dates:

Week beginning Monday 8 th May	KS2 Assessments
Monday 8 th May	KS2 Reading Paper
Tuesday 9 th May	KS2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper
Wednesday 10 th May	KS2 Maths Paper 1 and 2
Thursday 11 th May	KS2 Maths Paper 3
Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June	Half Term- School closed
Monday 5 th June	INSET day- School closed
Week beginning Monday 12 th June	Phonics Screening for Year 1
Tuesday 13 th June	Kidenza Performance - cancelled
Week beginning Monday 19 th June	Arts Week
Wednesday 28 th – Friday 30 th June	Year 6 residential trip
Saturday 8 th July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 4 trip to Drusillas Park
Thursday 13 th July	Provisional Sports Day (KS2 am/ KS1 pm)
Friday 14 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 20 th July	Last day of term
Friday 21 st July	INSET day



Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Meal Supervisor to join our lunchtime team.

The position is an immediate start and is 7.5 hours a week, term time only. Daily hours of work will be 11.45am - 1.15pm and payment will be made on the KR2 scale (£14,227 - £15,101 pro-rata).

Please see Mrs Duncombe or Dave for more information.

See also the Kent Teach website (www.kent-teach.com)

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FUN WEEK

Look out for our fun themed Wimbledon Week 10th-14th July, there will be a chance of winning a tennis racket along with our usual spots on plates for prizes throughout the week.

CHARITY COOK BOOK COMPETITION in aid of Demelza House.

We are currently compiling our second children's cook book with recipes from the children they make with their families at home. The winners of recipes that are entered into the book will receive a framed certificate and a goody bag. It's not too late to submit your recipes from home, but don't delay!

SUMMER MENU

The summer menu is filled with lighter summery puddings, the favourite seems to be our cheesecake, favoured also by most of the teaching staff. Here is our recipe for you to try.

Strawberry Cheesecake

Base - 150 gm Digestive Biscuits, 60 gm Butter.

Filling -175 gm Cream Cheese, 100 ml Whipping Cream, 50 gm Icing Sugar. Strawberries.

Melt the butter and crush the biscuits into crumbs, add biscuits to the butter and mix. Tip into a tin and pat down with the back of a spoon, refrigerate until cold and firm. For the topping, whip the cream until soft peaks, beat the cream cheese a little, then add lemon juice and icing sugar, gently fold in the cream.

Spoon over your biscuit base and leave to set, ideally overnight. Top with fresh strawberries, or any summer fruit you desire, enjoy!

ACTIVE 1ST

NEW GYMNASTICS CLASSES

New Saturday class timings at Hillview School.
Classes every Saturday from 22nd April.

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Challenge:

What is a red dwarf?

And lastly.....

We wish our Year 6 the best of luck for next week. We are so very proud of you all and know you will do your best. You all have many strengths and have shown our school values in all that you do. Make sure you have a restful, fun weekend so you are ready for the challenges ahead.

Have a lovely weekend

With best wishes
Moiria Duncombe

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CHINA <small>WHERE WE'LL MEET THE EMPRESS OF THE PAGODAS</small>	AUSTRALIA <small>WHERE WE'LL SEE AND HEAR A DIDGERIDOO</small>	INDIA <small>WITH RAGA MUSIC</small>
ANTARCTICA <small>WHERE IT'S CHILLY AND ICY</small>	AFRICA <small>FOR SOME DRUMMING</small>	ENGLAND FOR A <small>JOLLY SAILOR'S HORNS AS PERFORMED ON THE LAST NIGHT OF THE BBC PROMS</small>

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