

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 9th June 2017

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Our **School Christian Values** are Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.
This week we have reminded ourselves about our School Values and also found out about Pentecost.

Reminders

Please remember to book
After School Club online.
The deadline is 9am on
the day you require After
School Club.

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DATES

Week of 12th June
Phonic Screening for Year 1

Monday 12th June
Class Photographs

Tuesday 13th June
St Barnabas Procession and Mass
1:30pm

Week beginning 19th June Arts Week

Sunday 25th June
Summer Music Concert 1:30pm

Wednesday 28th – 30th June
Year 6 residential

Saturday 8th July
Summer Fayre

Tuesday 11th July
Year 4 trip

Thursday 13th July
Provisional Sports day
(KS2 am/ KS1 pm)

Friday 14th July
Reserve Sports day

Thursday 20th July
Last day of term

Friday 21st July
INSET day

Attendance Challenge

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

Acorn	95.01 %
Willow	94.91 %
Beech	96.79%
Maple	96.57%
Chestnut	95.48 %
Lilac	95.96 %
Oak	95.35 %

Class Photographs

On Monday we will be having our Class photographs taken. This year they will be a little different and we are looking forward to seeing the changes. Please can we ask that the children are in full uniform and looking smart.



Our school needs you!

Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://po.st/schools17>

Attendance Tea Party

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of having tea with 22 children who had been to school every day since September.

It was a lovely way to celebrate with them and I look forward to our next tea party...

Contract Dining Bike competition



During May our Caterers ran a competition to win a bike and I am pleased to say Liam in Year 4 was the winner!

Well done Liam!



Class News

Acorn Class News:

This week we have been reading and writing words containing the oa and ai digraphs and the igh trigraph in Phonics. In English, we have begun our topic of Fairytales by reading *The Three Little Pigs* and writing story maps to show the main events in this story. In Maths, we have been learning to add two numbers by counting along a number line. Due to the windy weather, the children have been exploring how the wind can move fabric and some have even made kites at the creative table before testing them outside. We enjoyed playing parachute games in PE yesterday and we also had a very interesting discussion about the General Election in our circle time!

Willow Class News:

This week Willow class have been busy practising reading real and 'alien' words ready for the Phonics screening next week. It has been lovely to see how the children's knowledge and confidence has grown. In English, we have been learning about where to use capital letters and what a proper noun is. In Maths, the children have learning about arrays and recording number sentences to represent them. They have also been practising their number bonds (adding and subtracting) for 10 and 20. In RE we have been learning about the story of The Good Samaritan and thinking about how to be a good friend.

Beech Class News:

In English, we have been focusing on instruction writing. We started by using our understanding of imperative verbs to create individual command sentences. We then worked in pairs to select 6 of our favourite command sentences and use them as the basis for a piece of instructional writing. We used question sentences to create a short introduction and then a range of different writing techniques to add detail to the commands. We used adjectives and adverbs to add more precision and then explored how connectives could be used to add additional clauses to each command. In Maths, we focused on giving and receiving sets of directions. We used the skills we had gained earlier in the year during ICT lessons to create sets of directional instructions for our partners to follow. In ICT, we continued to use the animation skills we have been developing to create an animated bug-box. First, we designed a bug-box background. Next, we used our knowledge of the bugs in our local habitat to create a set of characters which we then animated. Finally, we created a title page which introduced our animation and gave instructions for people wishing to access it.

This term we are starting kwik cricket skills. Yesterday Beech Class became world class underarm bowlers for the afternoon. We are looking forward to progressing into batting and fielding. In R.E. we talked about who St Barnabas was and the power of his name, then the meaning of our names and making emblems to represent them. In English we learnt some mini beast poetry, then wrote our own poems. In Maths we solved 2D and 3D pattern problems. A very busy first week back.

Maple Class News:

In Maths this week we have been brushing up on our column addition skills. We have moved from adding 2 digit numbers with no carrying, to 3 digits with carrying. Great progress. We have also continued learning about shapes, with a focus on lines. All the children can identify horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines.

We have been learning about how to use the possessive apostrophe with plurals in English. Using a painting by LS Lowry we have challenged ourselves to remember the rules and write statements about the characters and buildings we have looked at.

We completed our Science work on humans and animals by looking at the function of skeletons, including exoskeletons. We had fun trying to identify which animals particular skeletons belonged to. We have now moved onto our next Science topic, which is plants. The children learned to name and label the different parts of a plant and will be learning about pollination and seed dispersal over the next few weeks.

We are currently organising a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Hastings, which will take place later in the term. Details will follow as soon as we have confirmation of the date.

Chestnut Class News:

In English the class planned and drafted an adventure story about going through a magical door. The children have really developed their story-writing skills and their ideas are very appealing! In Maths the children worked on how to find the area of a rectangle and other straight-sided shapes. In Science the class were given different habitats and they had to design a creature that would successfully adapt to that particular environment. We had some great ideas! This week Chestnut Class have been using different resources to research and make notes on Jean-Francois Champollin. The children then used their notes to create a fact file. In Maths we have been looking at different ways to represent information in the form of graphs and charts and how to interpret these.

Lilac Class News:

In Maths this week, Lilac Class have still been thinking about conversion, but this time we have looked at converting units of time and the relationship between analogue and digital time. In English, we have started to draft a report about marine pollution using persuasive writing. We took notes from a CBBC Newsround report as a basis for our writing. In RE, we finished our work about Atonement and Salvation by looking at the Jewish Festival of Yom Kippur and thinking about mistakes we have made in our own lives, and how we can make things right with the people around us. In Science this week, we have been learning about the differences between wind and insect pollinated plants. Our topic work this week has involved designing posters to promote recycling and how we can prevent marine pollution. In Art, we have continued with our Titanic frieze and in Music we have started to learn our songs for our school production 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Oak Class News:

We have continued our topic work this week by looking at the life of Anne Frank. The children have carried out research and are in the process of writing her biography.

We have also started to prepare for our end of year production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. On Wednesday, we held auditions for each part and then, Ms Mercer and I had some very tricky decisions to make!

In Maths, the children have continued to work on their Theme Park projects.



Non-School Uniform Day

Friday 16th June



**Wear your own clothes
to school and donate a
bottle (alcoholic or non-
alcoholic) as a fee**

**All bottles go into the Summer Fair
tombola, Saturday 8th July**



St Barnabas PTFA

St Barnabas Summer Concert

Sunday 25th June, 12 noon to 3pm

Bring a picnic at 12 noon and then enjoy a wonderful concert presented by the children, parents, and staff of the school.

All families welcome, tickets are free but we will have a collection for the PTFA funds.

There will be tea, coffee and cake available for donations towards the school's involvement in the Shakespeare Festival.

For tickets and information please contact Dave via the school office or on 07966 190428.



Open Evening (Year 5 and below)
Tuesday 4 July 2017- 4.30pm-8.00pm

For current year 5 and younger.

The Open Evening is an opportunity for parents and children to have tours of the School with pupils from year 7. There will be displays in all Departments and a Headmaster's talk at regular intervals. Please allow 1½ to 2 hours for your visit. There is no need to book. Parking is Off-Site.

If you wish to view our online prospectus and further information regarding our Admissions criteria, please visit our website: www.judd.kent.sch.uk

Mass for The Institution of Father John Caster as Vicar of St Barnabas' Church

Friday 16th June at 7:30 pm

On Friday 16th June at 7:30 there will be a very special service held at St Barnabas' Church.

After 5 years of being the Priest in Charge, Father John is finally being made the permanent vicar of our parish.

Father John is not only a governor of our school and our parish priest but he also provides support, pastoral care and often cakes and biscuits to many people involved with our school, be that staff, children or extended families.

If you are able to attend, this is a fantastic opportunity for us to show our appreciation and to thank Father John for the tireless work he does for our school.

Bishop Norman, who has visited our school recently and Bishop James, The Bishop of Rochester will both be attending this special Mass along with many other notable dignitaries.

It's rumoured that there may be a adult refreshments for later too....

Arts Week 2017

As part of the creative week activities at school there will be two opportunities for parents to be involved.

On Tuesday 20th June between 9.30 and 2.30 there will be the opportunity to try your hand at the potter's wheel! There will be no cost for the session however there will be a charge for anything you make & take away with you.

Places are limited so please contact Dave asap if you would like a place.

On Wednesday 21st June, between 9.00am and 11.30, come and make a unique tote bag using recycled materials, led by Jane Parker. This is a chance to create a bespoke item either to keep or as a gift.

To sign up for either session contact Dave via the school office or directly on 07966190428.

Thank you.

And lastly.....

On Tuesday afternoon, 13th June, we will be celebrating St Barnabas with our Mass and procession. We will be leaving the school at 1:30 for Mass in the Church at 2pm.

With best wishes

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