

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 7th July 2017

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

This week we have continued to remind ourselves about our Values.

DATES and Reminders

Saturday 8th July

Summer Fair

Tuesday 11th July

Year 4 trip

KS1 Author afternoon

Thursday 13th July

Sports day

(KS2 am/ KS1 pm)

Friday 14th July

Reserve Sports day

Charity Zumbathon

Monday 17th July

Year 2 trip

Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Production @6pm

Wednesday 19th July

1:30pm Year 6 Leaver's Mass

Thursday 20th July

Last day of term

Friday 21st July

INSET day

After School Club

End of Term Party

After School Club will be having an end of term party on Tuesday 18th July. If your child doesn't normally attend that day, but would like to go along, please book them in – there will be pizza and ice cream!

Attendance Challenge

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 96% to achieve.

Here is the breakdown for each class:

Acorn	95.58 %
Willow	94.96 %
Beech	96.62%
Maple	96.63%
Chestnut	95.64 %
Lilac	95.71 %
Oak	95.25 %

St Barnabas School
Summer Fair
Saturday 8th July 2017 11am-2pm

All Welcome!

Free Entry!

Join us as we go
'Round the World':
International food stalls
Beer tent - Bouncy Castle
Games & Activities
Bottle Tombola - Raffle
Demonstrations
And lots more!

St Barnabas CEP School, Quarry Road TN1 2EY
ALL WELCOME!!

Our School

We are looking forward to our Summer Fair tomorrow.

The BBQ is ready... the bottles ready for the Bottle tombola.

The zipwire has been tried and tested and will be ready for your teddy bears.

We hope the weather will be kind. Our thanks go to everyone who has organised the event and is helping and of course spending tomorrow!!

Lunch and After School Club payments

With the end of term drawing near, could we please ask that you are paid up in full for school dinner payments and after school club, so that there are no balances outstanding for either at the end of term.

Sports Day



Sports day will be taking place on Thursday 13th July. KS2 sports will be taking place in the morning. If you able to join us please be over on our field, ready to start, for 9.15am as we are on a tight timeframe.

KS1 sports day will take place in the afternoon at 1.15pm. Again can we ask that parents are ready to start at this time. You will be following your child in their group while they take part in various activities. Please feel free to cheer and encourage the children but we ask that you don't interfere with the activities as they are running.

We look forward to seeing you, the weather's looking good!

In addition to sports day, running club will also be holding their fun run after school that day. Please feel free to come down to Grosvenor Park and cheer us on. Any volunteers would also be welcome.



Something to think about:

Grandad had 4 grandchildren with exactly one year between each.
One year Grandad realised he was the same age as the total age of the grandchildren.

Is Grandad 76, 78 or 80 years old?





This week in class:

Acorn

This week, we have been learning about instructions and recipes in English. We have talked about what these are for and why we might need them, before writing our own instructions for 'How to Toast Marshmallows', which is something we learned to do during our Forest School sessions. We then made our instructions even better by adding time words such as 'first' and 'then' to our writing. In Maths, we have been solving problems relating to estimating quantities and counting to check how many items there are. In our play, we have been writing lots of books and writing story maps of some popular fairytales. The children also enjoyed visiting their new classroom on Thursday afternoon!

Willow

On Monday morning Willow Class went to Grosvenor Park as part of our investigations into seasonal changes. Whilst there we looked and listened to what we could see and hear and discussed how the trees and grass differed from autumn and winter time. We listened carefully to see if we could hear the crickets and grasshoppers and spent some time exploring the woods before we headed back.

On Monday afternoon we joined with Lilac Class for a PE lesson and the children worked in pairs mirroring their partner's movements. The children then practised throwing, balancing and skipping in a selection of short activities. In Maths this week, Willow Class have been busy practising their problem solving skills on a range of maths problems. The questions have covered topics involving numbers shapes, time and measures as part of our review of things that we have learnt. It has been lovely to see how the children's knowledge and confidence has grown when dealing with missing number problems. In English, we have been learning about writing in the past tense and writing recounts. In RE we have been learning about the story of Zacchaeus and the children have been thinking about times when they did something wrong and had to say sorry. On Thursday afternoon the children visited the Year 2 classroom and spent some time with Mrs Banner. They talked about what they might like to do in the future and were very excited about this. It has been a very busy week

Beech

In English, we started the week by completing our letters to our Vietnamese pen-pals. Next, we used our skills of reflection to mark our own work and give ourselves feedback. After that, we used and applied our knowledge about statement, command, question and exclamation sentences. We selected a character from our class book- Matilda. Then, we composed a variety of sentence types which could be included in a letter to our chosen character. In English we made a set of instructions, telling people how to sew an animal puppet. Then we completed a review and evaluation of our sewing project, looking at the challenges we faced and how we would approach them again. In Maths, we continued to use and apply our understanding of number bonds to help us calculate with efficiency. We explored how knowing number bonds to 10 could help us derive number bonds to 100. We then used this understanding to help calculate with 3-digit numbers. During one of our Maths lesson we looked at how to read scales on different apparatus, such as thermometers, cylinders and speedometers.

In Science, we explored the interdependence of food chains. Pupils explored how removing one creature from the food chain would have a serious effect on the other creatures in that habitat. In ICT, we created digital databases to record information about a range of different mini-beasts. Then we used a sorting tool to sort them according to a range of different criteria.

Beech Class loved their move up afternoon in Year 3, returning full of excitement, telling us all about their adventures and we can quote Mrs White on saying "What a lovely class."

Maple

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the aquarium in Hastings on Tuesday. It was wonderful to encounter some of the creatures we have been learning about in class. Particular favourites were the puffer fish, the archer fish and the wonderfully characterful octopus. Who knew they liked a cuddle? The children were great ambassadors for the school on the train journey, walking through Hastings and around the aquarium. It was lovely to have lunch on the beach (keeping the seagulls at bay) and to do a spot of beachcombing.

Back in class, we have continued with our story planning and are ready to put pen to paper next week. We have thought about elements of peril on our deserted islands, and how we overcome the danger. There have been lots of exciting ideas. We have also been brushing up on homophones and showing that we can use the words correctly in sentences.

After the mapping skills homework of the previous week, we have carried out field study sketches in the school environment. There were clutches of Maple Class children to be seen busily sketching away at the permanent features of the school area. There were lots of interesting observations.

In Maths, we have again focused on brushing up on those all-important times table skills. Our goal is to be confident with the 3, 4 and 8 times tables before we break up. Keep working on them! We have also worked in groups to create a 3-D shape from a diagram, with the aim being to replicate it exactly and then make statements about it as we rotated it through various turns. This was quite a challenge!

We look forward to Sports Day next Thursday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school!

Chestnut

This week Chestnut Class have been planning their own adventure story for Flat Stanley to go on. We have looked at different settings and characters. They have written the beginning of their story and we plan to finish them next week. In English the children have also watched a short film about points of view/opinions in the news. They thought carefully about how everybody has a different opinion and 'sees' things in different ways. They then planned and wrote a news story based on 'The Three Little Pigs'...they had to take a view point in their article (Wolf-innocent or guilty...who was to blame?) They used great 'journalistic' language and some children explored both view points. In Maths they have been looking at line graphs and how to interpret data. The class worked on an investigation using the knowledge they have learnt about area and perimeter, to help them

Lilac

Lilac Class have been out and about this week and were very busy. On Tuesday, we took the train down to Hastings to visit the Blue Reef Aquarium and the Old Town of Hastings. We took a leisurely stroll from the station down to the beach taking in the amusements, fishing huts, cliffs, caves and boats. We had our picnic on the beach first and sat in full view of a beautiful bay with the cliffs behind us. When we went into the aquarium for our talk, we learnt about the fish that live in the waters off the coast of Hastings (for example, the sting ray and sea bass) as well as fish that live in much warmer waters. We saw fish being fed and Oswald the Octopus who changes colour, depending on his mood. On Wednesday, we spent the day at Skinners' Kent Academy. We did mathematical problem solving, made key rings and learnt about three dimensional scanners and printers. We also had a session about opinion and bias, where we examined an extract from the Simpson's analysing Bart's behaviour. In English this week, we have continued with our book entitled 'Shipwreck!' and have been focusing on problem solving in our Maths sessions

Oak

This week, Oak Class have been making props for their upcoming performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. They have also been working very hard rehearsing.

In our topic work, we have looked at Anderson and Morrison air raid shelters. The children have been finding out about how they were built and what they were like inside.



And lastly.....

Next week, Monday to Thursday, in the hall straight after school is our School Book Fair. All books will be half price!!

With best wishes

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