

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Thursday 20th July 2017

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

DATES and Reminders

Friday 21st July
INSET day

Wednesday 6th September
Year 1- Year 6 children start school

Monday 11th September
Acorn class starting
Part time

Thursday 7th September
11+ tests

Monday 23rd- Friday 27th
October
Half term

STOP PRESS NEWS

We have just found out that we have achieved the **Gold Sports Mark!**

Last year we achieved Bronze so we are very proud of this success. We will share more next year!

Goodbye and Good luck.

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6. We wish you well in your new schools:



This week they performed their production of A Midsummer's Night's Dream which was outstanding. Year 5 supported them as the chorus and it was a wonderful to see our children enjoying Shakespeare but also

On Wednesday we celebrated the end of their Primary journey with their Leaver's Mass and today we have their own special Assembly. We also celebrate over 20 children achieving 100% attendance for the whole year.

Today we also say goodbye to Miss Williams, Mrs Brown, Miss Lee and Miss Durham. I know we want to thank them for all their dedication to our children and wish them well in their new roles.

It has been a very busy and exciting year and my thanks go to the volunteers, PTFA, Staff and friends who have helped us over the year.

A huge Thank you to you all



Attendance Challenge

As a school, we were set a target of 96% and we have managed it with 95.6%. Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole year:

Isla, Albert E, Holby, Chloe, Freya F, Oscar, Melanie, Jake, Samuel K, Evie, Grace, Mary, Lilyanna, Luka, Emily, Redford, Thomas, Eirini, and Jessica CBF

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know any child in Reception, Year & Year 2 are entitled to Free School meals

Every day your child will have a choice of two main dishes and at least 2 deserts.

Our menu has been awarded Gold Food For Life for the second year.

This means

- 15% of our menu is Organic, including Minced Beef, Beef Burgers, Meatballs, Yoghurts & Milk
- 5% is Free Range. Including Pork and Eggs
- All other meat is Red tractor and all our products are sourced locally where possible
- Menu's are seasonal and we ensure at least 75% of dishes are freshly prepared using seasonal produce
- Food on our menu does not contain undesirable additives or hydrogenated fats
- Dishes are prepared using less fat, salt and sugar
- Menu's are fully nutritionally analyzed and comply with current legislation
- Menu's cater well for all dietary needs
- Continuous professional development is offered to all our staff including training in fresh food preparation

MAJORETTES

I am contacting you on behalf of the carousel majorettes, we are a Tunbridge wells based youth group who have been running for 24 years. We train every Wednesday evening 6-8pm, We welcome boys and girls aged 4 years plus. Our troupe is a national award-winning team and we compete through the winter months and during the summer months we raise money for new equipment and uniform.

We are currently in the process of recruiting new members in the local area to our team.

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me, the contact details are as follows

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

for children aged 3-12



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Mon 31 July & Tues 8 August

Spot bears hiding in our vegetable gardens and harvest fresh produce. Bake delicious scones, meet our herd of dairy cows and enjoy a picnic together with our bears!

Tracking and Trailing

Mon 7 August & Wed 16 August

Find out which animals make the farm, meadows, glades and ponds their home. Learn about tracks, signs and scats and check the trail camera.

Campfire Cook Up

Tues 22 August

Learn how to build and light a campfire! Get creative with seasonal produce and foraged ingredients from the garden to cook a selection of tasty snacks.

Got the Bug

Wed 23 August

Dip into the depths of our ponds and sweep creatures buzzing in the meadow. Discover the fascinating world of invertebrates and why we need them!



More fun activities on offer!

Den building, pizza making, organic baking & campfire crafts. All activities 10am-1pm, children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Home of the Commonwork Trust (registered charity 1160725 & company 09254227) & Commonwork Organic Farms Ltd (registered company 1977080)



And lastly.....

We wish you all a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

With best wishes

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