

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 28th April 2023

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God

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

This week we found out about going on a journey.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. As a School our attendance stands at 92% .

Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.



This week...

It feels this week we have had all the different seasons! I am hopeful the warmer weather is on the way especially for our Coronation BBQ next Friday. Do remember that next Friday the children can come to school wearing red, white and blue. Please see emails from last week with more information.

This week Acorn Class went to visit the Fire Station and had a great time and even saw the fire engine having to go out on a call from the station! A huge thank you to our parents who helped with walking there and back.



Pond News!

We are all looking forward to the Grand Opening of the newly refurbished school pond which will take place as part of the Coronation Garden Party and BBQ on Friday 5th May.

However, there are still a few finishing touches to make to the pond and we would love your help to make them happen.

This Sunday, 30th April we are going to have our final working party to make these finishing touches to the pond area and wild flower meadow. We will be starting at 1pm and work throughout the afternoon. If you are available to help out, please contact Mr Mackinnon using the following email address:

beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

On Thursday 4th May, we are going to hold a family planting session. We will set up a stall on the playground stocked with wild flower seeds, plants for the pond and plants for the bog garden. Families are invited to come and buy a plant (prices will range from £1 to £5), take it over to the pond area and plant it.

Term dates for 2023– 2024

Term 1

Friday 1st September - staff development day (no children in school)

Monday 4th September - term starts for Years 1-6

Foundation stage start date TBC

Thursday 19th October - term ends

Friday 20th October - staff development day (no children in school)

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October - half term holiday

Term 2

Monday 30th October - term starts

Tuesday 19th December - term ends

Wednesday 20th December 2023 – Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – Christmas holiday

Term 3

Wednesday 3rd January - staff development day (no children in school)

Thursday 4th January - term starts

Friday 9th February - term ends

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – half term holiday

Term 4

Monday 19th February - term starts

Thursday 28th March - term ends

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter holiday

Term 5

Monday 15th April - term starts

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May -term ends

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – half term holiday

Term 6

Monday 3rd June - staff development day (no children in school)

Tuesday 4th June - term starts

Friday 19th July - term ends

Monday 22nd July - staff development day (no children in school)

Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about celebration. We share our stars of the week, children who are in our Golden books for showing our School Values, team points and any other celebrations from our School community.

Our stars this week: Charlotte, Ajus, Mahe, Chelsie, Benedita, Anas, Alcia, Hayden, Aubrey, Daisie, Ruben and Siddarth.

Team point winner: Angels.

Keeping in contact

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher here are the class email addresses. If it is an urgent matter please contact the School office.

Acorn: acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Willow: willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Beech: beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Maple: maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Chestnut: chestnut@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Lilac: lilac@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Oak: oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Safeguarding Concerns

Please can we remind everyone that the School Designated Safeguard leads are Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Pring. If you have any concerns do contact us.

Future Dates

Coronation

Bank Holiday:

Monday 8th May – no school

KS1 Sports Day:

Wednesday 14th June

KS2 Sports Day:

Thursday 15th June



Reminders

Please can we ask that we have no chocolate nut spread in sandwiches as we have children who are allergic to nuts in school.

Chocolate should be in moderation and we ask that the children do not have other sweets in their packed lunch boxes.

The following items would be good for snack time:

- * Fruits and vegetables
- * Cheese sticks or cheese
- * Crackers – bread sticks, cheese crackers, Ritz, etc.
- * Granola bars or cereal bars
- * Pretzels
- * Small bag of crisps

Please remember to bring a coat everyday and make sure it is named!

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Tuesday 2nd May!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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