

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

**Newsletter Friday 9th February 2018**

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

This week we have found out about the importance of values

## 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

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## Dates

**Tuesday 27th February:**  
**World Book Day**

This year St Barnabas will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 27th February 2018. Our theme this year is Changes. Please come dressed as a character from a story that you feel has a theme about change of some sort, for example: How to Train your dragon. The Viking's feelings towards dragons change in the book. In Detective Dog, Ted changes how he can access books. More details about the day will follow after half term.

**Friday 2nd March**  
PTFA Quiz Night

**Wednesday 7th March**  
Parent Consultations



## Attendance

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 97% to achieve. Many children have 100% attendance this term and 40 have 100% attendance since September!!

Here is the breakdown for each class for last week:

Acorn	94.4%
Willow	95.2%
Beech	93.7%
Maple	82.4%
Chestnut	90.3%
Lilac	91.1%
Oak	98.0%



## This week

We have battled through snow and ice this week and are looking forward to our spring break next week! The children have coped well with the changing weather and it has certainly not stopped their learning this week.

On Tuesday the children took part in Safer Internet Day to find out more about being safe online. The children explored different ways in keeping safe and what to do if unsure. Do look at the school website if you would like to find out more... or ask your child!

On Thursday, children from Mark Cross Primary School came to our school to play in a hockey tournament organised by Mr Luckhurst. All teams played brilliantly and Mr Luckhurst has shared that:

*'Both schools won 4 games, drew 1 game and lost 4 games.... each school scored 17 goals and each school conceded 17 goals!'*

Well done to all involved!

Today we celebrate our School Mass preparing for Lent and we wish you all a restful half term.



## Class News

### Acorn News

Acorn Class have been busy learning the new sounds 'ee, oo, igh and oa'. They recognised the sounds within words, wrote the sound and learnt the actions. They experimented with sentence writing, including these sounds and the tricky words 'she, he, we, I, a, the, no and go'.

In Maths they have been focussing on time, learning the days of the week and the associated vocabulary (yesterday, tomorrow, the next day, the weekend). They have also been revising number and shape facts. In Plan Learn Review the children have been making cards, writing and drawing, using the iPads, building with construction materials, using the roleplay area and the outdoor area. On Monday the children made a visit to St Barnabas' Church, for Acorn Class Mass with Father John. They thought carefully about each part of the Mass and the significance of the objects and words that are used. The children had the opportunity to reflect and ask questions. They also enjoyed a tour of the beautiful stained-glass windows, that tell a story of The Saints.

### Willow News

In Topic work this week, we have been talking about Florence Nightingale and her work in the hospital at Scutari. The children have been sequencing events in her life and discussing how she overcame the problems at the hospital. In Science work, the class has discussed the four seasons of the year and completed a season cycle to show what happens in each season. The children drew some beautiful seasonal pictures. In English this week, Willow Class have been writing questions about Florence Nightingale, thinking of adjectives to describe each season and have written a seasons poem. As part of Safer Internet Day the Class discussed the importance of being kind to others, asking their adult to help them stay safe when using technology and what to do if something online upsets them. The children designed their own internet safety poster. As part of PSHE, the Class talked about friendship and what makes their friends special to them. In Maths, the children have been using their problem solving and reasoning skills to complete Maths problems about tens and ones in numbers up to 50.

### Beech News

In English, we completed an individual piece of descriptive writing for the villain in our story - the dragon. We started by reading a modelled example and adding our own actions to help retell it. Next, we collected useful vocabulary and practised verbally retelling our own versions of the story. Next, we completed independent pieces of writing and edited and improved our work. In Maths, we started to explore 2D shapes. We started by using strips of paper and pegboards and elastic bands to create a range of 2D shapes. Next, we used mathematical vocabulary to compare and contrast 2D shapes. In Topic time, we explored the concepts of invasion and settlement. We were presented with a range of different pictures and used a Venn diagram to sort them. In PE we used and applied all the gymnastic skills we have learned this term to create short routines on gymnastic apparatus.

In Mrs Banner's Maths lessons we are learning about 'Time'. Please encourage your child at the weekend to practice the o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, times on the clock.

Our moving mechanisms in our castles are absolutely brilliant! Beech Class has concentrated and worked super hard in every second of our Design Technology lessons. We are reviewing our designs today and they will be on their way home to you.

### Maple News

This week in Maths we have been continuing our work on multiplying 2-digits by 1-digit. We have been looking at exchanging when using formal methods to multiply and spotting mistakes in calculations. We have also been learning our 8-times table by playing bingo, reciting it and writing it down as quickly as we could.

In our English work, we have been focusing on conjunctions and on using the prefixes 'super' and 'auto'. We have been using the new words that we found in sentences and we have been learning how to spell them.

On Tuesday it was Internet Safety Day and we spent some time talking about how we stay safe online and how certain things make us feel. In our RE lessons we found out about the ten Gurus in Sikhism and some of the stories that they told.

### Chestnut News

We have spent time editing and improving our persuasive letters, and then made neat copies. They look fabulous on display in the classroom. The children have shown great maturity in dealing with the subject matter of plastic pollution in the ocean.

In Maths, we have continued to look at multiplying by 10. We have progressed to multiplying by 100 and then dividing by 10. The place value skills that the children consolidated in the first term have helped them grasp this new learning very quickly.

As part of our topic, we will be carrying out a study of the human and physical geography of Russia. We have been studying khokhloma, which is traditional wood painting using bold flower designs and striking colours.

In RE, we finished our unit by looking at the story of the Good Samaritan. We talked about what the message of the story was and why Jesus told it. We thought about who our neighbours are and how we should not judge on appearances. We ended our learning by doing whole class brainstorms on what kind of world Jesus wanted and what changes we could effect by following the example of the Good Samaritan.

In Science, we have continued learning about states of matter by doing an investigation into whether solids can be changed into gases - this involved bottles, balloons, effervescent vitamin tablets and lots of laughter!

### Lilac News

In Maths this week, Lilac Class have been estimating the area of irregular shapes and we have also been using a formal written method to solve multiplication calculations. In English, we have continued to read Berlie Doherty's 'Street Child'. We have been editing and improving our writing about setting based on Jim Jarvis's experiences of a workhouse. This week we wrote about the school room in the workhouse and how the boys were treated. In Science, we have been making predictions about materials and whether they will conduct electricity and why. We then tested out our predictions to prove if they were correct or not. In RE, we have been looking at the first eight plagues that the Egyptians were confronted with in the story of Moses. We thought about what the Pharaoh and Moses would be thinking at the time the plague of locusts had destroyed all the vegetation. In Topic, we found out that factory owners built a lot of houses for the people who moved into the cities to work and that these houses were badly built. People lived in cramped conditions and disease spread quickly. In DT, we started to stuff our Victorian pin cushions and finished our embroidery. In PE, we perfected our hockey skills and were involved in mini matches. In Lilac Class we have also started to learn French and where the main cities in France can be found when looking at a map of the country. I have been delighted with the high standard of research that the children have produced for their homework this term. I have learnt so much and the work has been a real pleasure to mark. Thank you for all your support.

### Oak News

Oak Class have continued to work hard to develop their mental Maths knowledge. They have been looking at ratio and working out the ratio of a given number and also of a shape. The children have been making Greek mosaics and written prayers for our School Mass. We played against a local school in a Hockey Tournament and played well.



### Note from Dave:

A reminder that there are coffee mornings for parents each Monday at 8.45 am onwards in the Staff Room. These are an opportunity to socialise with other parents and to get updates on what the PTFA have got coming up.



**St Barnabas PTFA**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 2nd March**

in the School Hall



**All proceeds to a great cause - St Barnabas' PTFA!**

St Barnabas CEP, Quarry Road TN1 2EY



**Something to think about**

**Which places are these clues describing?**

- 1. Dull ones buzzing!**
- 2. Use it to keep warm**
- 3. Recent fortress**

Where the cook picks crops?

Sheffield

Where cows are milked in a capital city?

Londonderry

A darkly coloured bonfire?

Blackburn

Please can we remind all drivers to be aware the safety of children crossing the roads near school, and of the need to be considerate to local residents and other members of the public when parking their cars before and after school.

A quick note from Mrs Legg's family, thanking everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes. She is slowly improving and we hope to continue to hear positive news and see her soon.

Have a lovely half term and keep warm!

With best wishes

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