

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 30th June 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 explored facts about the sun.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance was 96% which is fabulous!

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



This week...

Last weekend Year 6 went on their residential to Kench Hill and had a fabulous time! The weather was kind and the children were kept very busy and they even had some sleep!



Thank you to Ms Mercer, Mrs Johnson and Fr. John for looking after them.

Whilst away, Ms Mercer found out that Year 6 had won a £500 prize for their Jeffery Hale entry. This was the feedback:

Our judges commented in particular on your eye-catching and inventive triptych and the extremely strong human values and sensitivity reflected in your "very well organised presentation" by the pupils. They were impressed in particular by the range of issues covered and how, inspired by the life and legacy of Jeffery Hale, they made suggestions about practical ways to make a difference to the environment such as litter-picking. The children shared their own views on making the world a better place, treating people the same way to make them safe and happy emphasising care of the poor and respect for one another.

On Wednesday some of our Year 4 and 5 children were able to take part in an Aim High Science day with two other schools and met a wide range of animals. They had a great time and were very keen to share what they had learned during the day.

Tomorrow our Year 6 will be under the Clocktower in town selling their Young Enterprise items. Each team have been busy preparing their products and would love to see you between 10am and 12pm!

Kent Test

Kent Test Registration for the Kent Test for children due to start secondary school in September 2024 opened on Thursday 1 June 2023 and will close at midnight on Monday 3 July 2023. Late registrations cannot be accepted. This year, the tests are due to take place on Thursday 7 September 2023 for pupils in Kent primary schools. Further information, including how to register, can be found by following the link below: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

Future Dates

Wednesday 5th July: New Year R taster session

Thursday 6th July: Year 6 transition day

Friday 7th July: New Year R taster session

Monday 10th: Yr 5&6 Kikit event – email sent out

Wednesday 12th July: Yr 3&4 Kikit event – email sent out

Thursday 13th July: Triathlon event

Friday 14th July: Last swimming session for the year and non-uniform day

Monday 17th July: Year 6 Production

Wednesday 19th July: Year 6 Leaver's Service

Thursday 20th July, 2pm: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Thursday 20th July: PTFA family picnic @4:30 in the park

Thursday 20th is our last day of term.

Summer Artisan Craft Market



Location: The Amelia Scott

Date: 5.8.2023

Times: 10am– 4pm

Prices: Free entry

Staffing changes

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Hunter who has been leading the After School Club this year. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new job. Mrs Quarshie will be taking over leading the club and we have Miss Scammell supporting her until the end of term.

PTFA Non-School Uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 14th July when children will be asked to bring in a bottle for the Family Fun Day that will run alongside the Heritage Day on 16th September (an email with further details has been sent today).

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 are: Parko, Henio, Atiyyah, Julia, Evie, Charlie, Cristo, Ebraheem, Evie, Tanvi and Kareem.

We wish Year 6 good luck with their Young Enterprise event tomorrow.

Team points winner: Kingdom

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.

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

Have a lovely weekend

With best wishes

Moiria Duncombe

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Eco Code

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We promise together to...

Look after our school.

Create and nurture our environment for wildlife.

To turn off lights and not to waste power.

Make sure our grounds and local community are litter free.

To travel to school in environmentally friendly ways.