

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 20th July 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 making a journey.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%.



This week...

Well what can I say! Our last week has continued to be busy with wonderful learning throughout the school! This week has definitely been a week for Year 6 to make memories with their amazing play Mission Implausible. They performed to a full audience and the play really came to life!



On Tuesday they celebrated their Young Enterprise success and yesterday they had their Leaver's Service:



Today we say our final goodbyes, or should I say au revoir, and wish them well in their new schools. We know they will aspire to all the new challenges ahead. We also wish those children in other years who are leaving us the best of luck!

At this time we also say goodbye to Mrs Hawker and Mrs Atkinson who will be leaving us for new teaching posts and we wish them well. Mrs Atkinson will come back in the Autumn term for a proper goodbye as she has just secured a Deputy Headteacher post in East Sussex.

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Mackinnon will be joining us in September to teach in Year 2 alongside Mr Mackinnon! Mrs Mackinnon has worked as a supply teacher for us and it is wonderful for her to join our fabulous team.

A huge thank you to all our team for their dedication and efforts in making our school the best! Go St B!

YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU!

YOUR PARENT TEACHER FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PTFA) AT ST BARNABAS SCHOOL IS A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP PLAN AND ORGANISE FUNDRAISING EVENTS. THE MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS ENHANCING ALL OUR CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE AT THE SCHOOL SUCH AS: SCHOOL TRIPS AND TRAVEL, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND OUTDOOR SPACE RENOVATION, LEARNING RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCES, SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AND SWIMMING LESSONS. ALL ST BARNABAS' PARENTS/CARERS ARE AUTOMATICALLY MEMBERS OF THE PTFA AND ARE WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS, SKILLS AND TIME TO SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING.



PTFA EVENTS INCLUDE:
DISCOS
SUMMER ICE CREAM SALES
FILM SHOWINGS
SUMMER FAIR
SPORTS DAY REFRESHMENTS
CHRISTMAS FAIR
SPONSORED EVENTS
QUIZ NIGHTS
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING
BAKE SALES
TEA TOWEL/CHRISTMAS CARDS
SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP



COMING EVENTS 2023-24 YOU CAN HELP WITH:
HERITAGE DAY AND FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 10-3PM
DISCO (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)
FILM SHOWING (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)
QUIZ NIGHT (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)

WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE EVENTS RUN SMOOTHLY. THIS COULD BE PLANNING, SETTING UP, CLEARING UP OR SPENDING AN HOUR ON A SNACK STALL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED YOU CAN EMAIL PTFA@ST-BARNABAS.KENT.SCH.UK

The St Barnabas' PTFA invite you to the
**END OF YEAR
PICNIC 2023**

20TH JULY 4:30PM ONWARDS
LOWER PLAYING FIELD
GROSVENOR AND HILBERT PARK

Games equipment
Drinks and snacks (please bring change)
Bring a picnic and join us for some fun!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT

Summer Reading Challenge

The 2023 **Summer Reading Challenge** is now underway. Titled, **Ready, Set Read!** It aims to encourage children age 4-11 to enjoy reading for pleasure. This year the theme is games and sport and sporting (and non-sporting) heroes, but you can read any book that interests you. There are two ways to take part. Firstly, visit your local library. They will give you a special collector folder, stickers and help you find books that interest you. Alternatively, you can sign up online at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk where you will receive a virtual badge and certificate. The challenge is to read 6 books over the summer period and you will get rewards as you progress through the challenge. There is also a trophy for the school in Tunbridge Wells that reads the most books! This is a great activity for the summer holidays, and we would love to hear about all the books the children enjoyed when they return in September.

THE ST BARNABAS PTFA SPONSORED SUMMER ART CHALLENGE



Draw, paint, design, photograph or construct...

An underwater world	Your own imaginary animal	A bridge over water	A funny face	Something you would like for dinner
A supersonic superhero	Something using only dots	Your family	Your own chocolate bar	An amazing playground or park
The most crazy world	A fort	Something that makes you happy	A rainbow-coloured picture	A monster with three heads
A flip-book story	Two surprising things together	A really inventive car	Something no one has ever seen before	A cowboy cat
Fabulous clothing from recycled things	A new board game	The best pair of shoes	Your favourite place	A musical instrument

Raise sponsorship money for our school whilst making amazing art!

How many can YOU complete..?

PLUS WIN A £10 VOUCHER FOR THE WORKS!

Pupils who return any amount of sponsorship money can submit one piece of art to our free competition. The PTFA will judge the most creative pieces of artwork from each key stage, and the winners will each receive a £10 gift voucher from the The Works!

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: Acorn, Dylan, Nidhulan, Jane, Juan, Maple, Chestnut, Lilac, Oak, Oak team, Mrs Barter and Fr. John

Team points winner: Kingdom and overall winners were Kingdom

Keeping in contact

Please note that over the holiday the class email addresses will not be checked. The School Office will also be closed but the office email will be checked from time to time.

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Have a lovely summer and, I hope, a lovely rest! If you are going to the PTFA Picnic I do hope you have a great time.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 4th September and do remember our gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am.

With best wishes

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