

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

Newsletter Friday 15th September 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 discussed 'do as you would do to others,'

## Welcome back!

We are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at our School Fair. Our PTFA have worked very hard to prepare some fabulous events – do come along!

This week, Acorn Class have started coming to school all day and they are really settling in well! It was lovely seeing some of our Acorn parents joining their children for lunch on Tuesday.

With the continued sunny weather please can we ask that if your child is bringing into school a water bottle it is not made of glass and also has your child's name on it.

St Barnabas is making its mark in the centre of Tunbridge Wells over the next few weeks. Our Year 6 award winning work in the Jeffery Hale Award is currently being displayed in the Amelia Centre. From the 21st September you will be able to see some fabulous art work from last year's Year 6 displayed around the old cinema site ... can you spot who is who?



## Message from Mr Luckhurst



Calling all KS2 children who are interested in taking part in Inter School Cross Country this year: please try and start completing a run with a family member to try and build up your stamina.

More information will be sent out soon.

## Please help!

Can you help us by listening to our children read? Our children love to hear stories and we would love to read to you. Whether it is for an hour or a morning/afternoon, your support will be appreciated. If you would like to be involved please let Mrs Duncombe know or contact the School Office.

We look forward to hearing from you and your generous offer of help!

## Class information

Please remember to go to the School website class page ( [www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) ) to find your class information and blog page.



## We need you!

We are looking for a parent to join the Full Governing Body of our school. If you feel you can devote the required time and energy to the role to try and achieve best possible outcomes for the children at the school, then we would like to hear from you.

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first - hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the parents' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the management of the school. It's a role that should listen impartially to concerns raised by parents, guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures, whilst presenting a balanced view of issues representing different sections of the community.

It is a key and highly rewarding role on the Board of Governors given its parental viewpoint, and one which has ample support and training. The Parent Governor will join the Governing Body, an elected body who support Mrs Duncombe in the leadership of the school. This includes overseeing the management side of the school, strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. It has 12 members from the church, a staff member and two parent governor roles. Working alongside other members of the Governing body will be interesting and rewarding as those efforts seek to successfully fulfil its duties to all children at St Barnabas.

Minimum commitment, involves attendance of Full Governing Body Meetings 3 times per year, usually evening meetings (7-9pm), or via Googlemeet. There are also, Committees responsible for Teaching and Learning, as well as Finance and Resources, which meet at least 3 times per year to focus on the areas in question. In your Parental Governor role you will also be invited to make at least 3 Governor visits per year to keep your perspective on the school and how it operates updated.

If you are interested to support the school in this role please let Mrs Duncombe or Fr. John know.

## 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.

Ebraheem, Don, Rafi, Stanley, Saanvi, Heidi, Destiny, Cody, Jane, Elijah, Olive, Logan and Diksha.

Well done to Sherry who has been given her handwriting award.

Congratulations to our Sport Captains Charlie-J and Nellie.

Congratulations to Ekansh who completed the Summer Reading challenge.

## 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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) Willow: [willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

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## 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**

And finally well done to Audrey and Henry who were prize winners in the PTFA Summer Art Project – well done to everyone who took part.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow.

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

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