

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 22nd September 2023

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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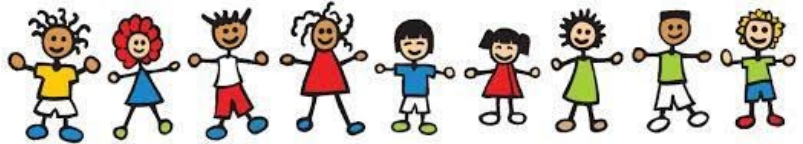


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we reminded ourselves about who St Barnabas was.

Attendance

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



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

This week...



It was lovely to see so many of our community at the School Fair on Saturday. The sun shone and £1500 was raised for the PTFA and School funds. The heritage event was also well received and around 90 visitors attended. A huge thank you to our PTFA and everyone who helped to make the fair a great start to the new academic year. If you would like to get involved with the PTFA they would be very pleased to meet you and can be contacted on ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk.

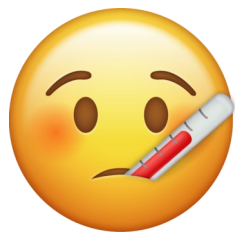
Last week I shared that some of our ex-pupils portraits were on the hoardings near to the Trinity Theatre. Miss Mercer went along to see the artwork being officially opened this week and our thanks go to Trinity Theatre and Thrive Living for organising this event.



This week our Year 4 have had their second ukulele lesson and are already becoming more confident in having a try and also making a tune!

What a fantastic week!

Is my child too ill for school?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason.

The website is:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Harvest Festival



Our School Harvest Festival is on Friday 6th October at 9:15am at St Barnabas Church.

We will be collecting dried/tinned food for the local food-bank which the children will be sharing during the service.

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:

Stars of the Week this week are: Darcey, Ivy, Shania, Jack, Nikola, Billy, Luke J, Layla, Scott, Rowan, Sai, Daisie and Izabella

Well done to Jasper who has been selected to play for the Kent Badminton team.

Team point winners this week are 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

With best wishes.

Moira Duncombe

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