

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th July

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Our **School Christian Values** are Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion. Our theme this week is friendship

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

Year 6 Production

Thursday 19th July

Leaver's Mass

Monday 23rd July
1:30

Leaver's Assembly

Tuesday 24th July
1:30pm

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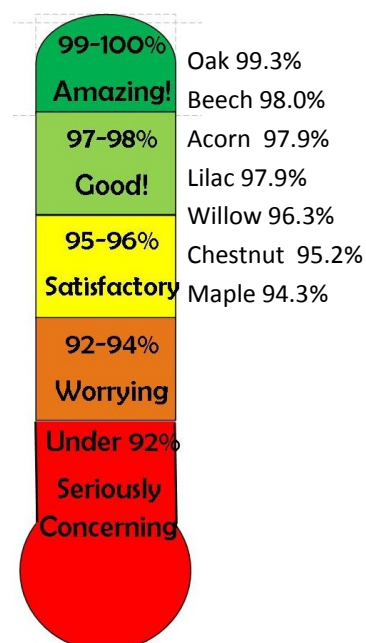
We have lots of lost property which we will put out next week

Attendance

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 97% to achieve.

Overall attendance last week: 97.0%

Well done everyone!!



This week in school:

On Saturday our Year 6 were in Tunbridge Wells selling the products that their companies had created as part of their Young Enterprise project. They battled the heat but were excellent in their selling technique and over £100 profit was raised.

On Wednesday the majority of the school met their new teacher with Acorn meeting theirs next week. There were lots of smiling faces afterwards and we will be holding meetings for parents early in the new term.

Thursday saw Year 5 go on their trip to Hastings and it is always lovely to hear positive comments about our children and this trip was no exception. Well done children and all the staff who went!

John has asked that we remind all families that nobody should climb the slope & walk along the outside of the school field as there could be a nasty accident if a child slips.



Class News



Acorn News

Acorn Class have had a super week with a theme of Pirates. On Wednesday they enjoyed spending time with their buddies and look forward to meeting Mrs Pring next week.

Willow News

This week we have read the story of the Space Tortoise after our author visit last week and completed some English work based on it. In Maths we have been counting and going shopping in class to help us develop our confidence with money.

We have enjoyed our PE lessons this week and in our ICT lesson we created different African patterns.

We hope Mrs Pring is feeling better and look forward to seeing her back next week.

Beech News

In English, we have been re-writing a short section of 'Space Tortoise'. First, we created a 'junkyard creation' which would help the tortoise fly. Next, we used a planning proforma to help rewrite a section of the story which explains how the tortoise built this creation. Then, we created a shared piece of writing. Finally, we created our own pieces of writing which retold this section of the story.

In Maths, we worked on developing the fluency of our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Then we used this understanding to solve a reasoning problem relating to these times tables.

In Science, we continued and completed our digital Yes/No sorting diagrams. On Wednesday, we also spent an hour in Year 3 and met our new teacher.

Oak News

Last Saturday, we finally got the chance to sell the products we made for Young Enterprise to the general public!

It was a roasting hot day and we were a bit concerned about some of the more meltable products (some of the fudge had to be quickly rebranded as fudge spread) but everyone pulled together and we had a fantastic time, making a grand total of £121.13 profit.

Thank you so much to all the families and members of staff who turned up to support us - it really helped to draw more shoppers in. All teams managed to make a profit but the winning team was Cherry on Top, who made an amazing £55.35 profit! A huge well done to them.

Maple News

On Monday we were designing a healthy sandwich. We first tasted different types of bread to help us decide which bread to use. We then discussed the different food groups and thought about the types of foods that were healthy. On Monday, we will be making our sandwiches!

We have continued to look at the properties of shapes in Maths and have been identifying parallel and perpendicular lines. The times table challenge has helped to improve our number work, whilst in Art we created outstanding self portraits, using black and white photos as a base and various shading techniques. In IT, we have improved our newspaper reports and used Purple Mash to practice our time tables. Most of the children have enjoyed our mini football tournament in PE, with the option to improve their javelin skills for those not so keen to play.

Chestnut News

We have based our English lessons on our inspiring list from the author Ross Montgomery. In our workshop with him last Friday, we were read an extract from "Perijee and Me." We then drew our own aliens and made decisions about whether they were bad or good. From this point we worked on describing their appearance in a rich way. Ross emphasised the importance of editing and improving our work. He talked about his favourite character in the book who only emerged on his 7th editing version!!

In Maths, we have been revising angles. We have been identifying and ordering them by acute, right and obtuse angles.

As we draw to the end of the year, we have completed self portraits and compared them to those we did in September. It is wonderful to see how the children's observational skills have improved.

We really enjoyed a visit from Hamdy on Thursday. We were very lucky to have him with us as a volunteer in Year 3. Hamdy has had a very successful year on his PGCE and is about to begin his teaching career at St John's in September. We wish him all the best!

Lilac Class

In Maths this week, Lilac Class have been plotting shapes on a grid and then translating them using different coordinates. We have also been converting units of measurement, particularly focusing on kilometres and metres and kilograms and grams. In English, we started to draft our third and final chapter of our book telling the reader how we were rescued from our island. Dr Charles read more of the story of Robinson Crusoe to inspire us! In RE, we thought about what the Qur'an means to the Muslim people and why it is so important that it is treated with great respect. In Topic, we finished our work about the varied landscape that can be found in Brazil and learnt about the history and meaning of the Brazilian flag. In PE, we played mini girls' and boys' soccer matches and practised our shooting and passing skills.

On Thursday, we went on our trip to Hastings by train and had a fantastic day. The weather was perfect and we were able to have our picnic on the beach by the fishermen's huts and the cliffs. We visited the Blue Reef Sea Life Centre and learnt so much about the marine life that can be found not only off the coast of Hastings, but also other parts of the world. Lauren, our tour guide, gave us a very detailed talk and then there was the opportunity to ask questions. We saw not only a huge selection of marine life but we also went into the reptile and spider area. After our picnic lunch, we visited the Fishermen's Museum and saw a range of artefacts and climbed into old fishing boat. We then watched a short video about what life is like to be a fisherman today in Hastings. It looks like very hard work!





THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

MISCHIEF MAKERS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

The Summer Reading Challenge 2018 will be called Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title The Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.

Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sporting finals!

With best wishes

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