

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

**Newsletter Friday 3rd November 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 changing attitudes.

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 93.62%.



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

## This Week...

We do hope you had a lovely half term and it was lovely to see everyone back with us for term 2! It has been a very wet week and the weather on Thursday was a little challenging! Please can we ask that all children have their coat every day and that all contact details are kept up to date in Arbor.

Unfortunately the football tournaments were cancelled this week but we are looking forward to the next competitions coming up. Mr Luckhurst was very excited to share this week how fabulous Acorn class were in starting to learn Rugby skills. Yesterday I had the privilege to observe Year 4 working on their Rugby skills in their PE lesson.



Today Year 6 are enjoying their Greek Day and exploring not only Greek food but also culture too!

What a busy start to the term.

## Remembrance Day

Next Sunday several of our children will be taking part in Remembrance Parades in Tunbridge Wells. We will be laying our School Wreath at St Barnabas Church. If you would like to join us, the service begins at 10:50am.

Our children will be able to buy Poppies and accessories next week.

The prices are as follows:

© Slap band - £1

© Wrist band - £1

© Zip pull – 50p

© Paper poppies – any amount



If your child wishes to purchase something, please ensure they bring the money in coins, in a sealed and named envelope. Please remember all the profits and donations go to the Poppy Appeal Foundation.

Thank you for your help.

## Tunbridge Wells Mayor's Toy Appeal



As a school we are able to access the Mayor's Toy Appeal on behalf of any families who feel they may struggle to afford any presents for their child/children this year. If you feel this applies to you, please contact Dave direct on 07966190428 ASAP, in confidence, to arrange a time to talk to him about your child's/children's needs and likes so that we can then put in a request on your behalf. Closing date for requests 10th November 2023.

### Acorn Class 2024

If you have a child born between 1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020, due to start school next September, please get in touch with the school office to book a place on one of our upcoming Prospective Parent tours taking place in November. Reception applications open on Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at midnight on Monday 15 January 2024. Applications should be made online via KCC- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

### Attendance this term



Since the start of term our class attendance is as follows:

Willow: 93.41%

Beech: 93.51%

Maple: 95.01%

Chestnut: 96.61%

Lilac: 93.91%

Oak: 93.43%

Acorn: 88.47%

### PTFA Christmas Cards

This week, the children are designing Christmas cards in school. This design will then be printed onto one free Christmas card, and can also be printed onto a number of other items, such as wrapping paper, mugs and cushions. You can then place an order for as many of these items as you would like, with prices starting from £2.95.

To place an order, please go to the School Shop in Arbor. You will then be able to order each item that you would like - all orders should be made by **Tuesday 7th November**. These items make great gifts and also help to raise funds for the school.

It is important that your child's artwork is returned to the school not later than **Tuesday 7th November**, so that it can be posted to Fundraising Creations - any artwork returned later than this will be too late to be included in the order.

Please contact the PTFA if you have any queries on [ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk), or the school office if you have any problems with paying on Arbor.

## Friday Worship

In our Friday celebration we share our stars of the week. These children are in our Golden books for showing our School Values, team points and any other celebrations from our School community:

Well done to: Juno, Evie-Mae, Aayan H, Asu, Evie, Chelsea, Vrishank, Evie, Phoebe, Aiyana, Aimee, Sophia and Nihal.

Handwriting awards: Einoras and Lola.

Well done to Saints for the most team points this week!

## 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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Lilac: [lilac@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lilac@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) Oak: [oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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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