

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

**Newsletter Friday 8th March 2024**

*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 have found out about Something Else.

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 92.56%.



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

## This Week...

Yesterday we celebrated our World Book Day and it was lovely to see so many different book characters:



Thank you for all your support.

## From the Read for Good Website:



### Sharing books and stories with children has so many benefits:

- It's great for their education.
- It makes them happy! Research shows that reading is good for children's emotional health (and ours!).
- Reading helps children to be empathetic and how to be a good friend; it helps them to understand themselves and the world around them.
- Our kids' senses are constantly ambushed by constant stimulation and instant gratification; reading allows imaginations to flourish and heart rates to lower.
- Reading is the ultimate self-help tool! If you're a reader, you'll always be able to seek advice, information, comfort and relaxation in a book.
- AND it's a lovely activity to share together.

This isn't about learning to read, or reading for school homework, it's about children choosing to read in their free time and you can help encourage them!

### Our top tips!

- Read together, every day if you can (no matter their age or reading ability) – make it relaxing and comfy.
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- Let your child choose what to read – comics, magazines, recipes – anything goes if they enjoy it!
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- Ask questions about the book – the pictures, the characters, what you think might happen next.
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- Go and visit your local library – it's free to join and borrow lots of books! Plus, they often have lots of free events going on in the school holidays and at weekends.

## Congratulations to Jasper in Year 6!

Last weekend, he went to Milton Keynes to compete in the Sankey Academy U13 bronze badminton tournament. He was the boys singles champion among the 42 entries from all over England while he was still under age at age 10. The weekend before last, he participated in the Kent restricted U12 and won the boys single champion among all the best boys from Kent at U12. He was also the runners up in boys double on the same day. He has been selected to represent the Kent team to compete against other county teams in future.

## Friday Worship

In our Friday 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:

Well done to our Stars of the Week: Antonia, Christian, Darcey, Jewel, Biser, Billy, Brijesh, Joshua, Aadhidev, Sherri, Oliwier, Drisana and Jasper.

Team points winners this week... Saints.

## 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.

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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.**

**Please make sure children are dressed in the correct uniform and have a named water bottle everyday.**

Red Nose day 15th March:

Children to wear red and pay £1! Is there a joke they would like to share on Friday?

Parent Consultations:

Monday 18th– 22nd March.

End of term:

Thursday 28th March.

With best wishes and have a lovely weekend

*Moirá Duncombe*

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