

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 17th May 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 found out about feelings

Attendance

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



This week our attendance is 93.94% and well done to Year 4 again who had the best attendance. Well done to Year 6 who achieved 97% this week!

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

This Week...



It has been a very busy week for Year 6 who have worked extremely hard preparing for and also completing their final assessments or SATS. It has been a privilege to watch them take on each challenge with confidence and determination. Whilst the Year 6 have been busy the rest of the school were challenged to work quietly and they certainly rose to the challenge, especially Year 4 and 5 who spent their mornings in the hall.

You might have seen the St B Garden Produce Cart at our main gate. Like last year, Garden Club aims to bring you a mixture of fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables, as well products made by the St B garden community. Follow them on Instagram: @st.b.garden.produce to see what's on offer, as well as getting sneak peeks behind the scenes in the school garden.



This year the produce stall will be operating an honesty policy - we trust that you will pay for items, either in cash (bring change) or in the School

Shop on Arbor. All proceeds go straight back into resources for the school garden, so donations are very welcome and remember that Garden Club members always get 50% off!

Today Year 2 are off to Tonbridge Castle and Year 6 to our local park and tonight we have our PTFA discos. I know the children are looking forward to these events and my thanks go to all who are organising the events and volunteering.

We have several dates booked for term 6 which we share later in this newsletter. We have one more week until half term and I hope we see the sun again!

Celebration

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.

Our Stars this week are: Amelia-Rose, Lenny, Charlotte, Beech Class, Demi, Samuel, Macie, Joshua, Christo, Lena and all of Oak.

Team points winners this week... Disciples.

Please do let us know if you are awarded any achievement outside school– we would love to celebrate!

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.

safeguarding@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

Term 6 is always very busy and this date list will grow!

Half Term: 27– 31st May

INSET Day – **no children**: Monday 3rd June

Yard Sale: Saturday 8th June

Monday 10th June: Tunbridge Wells Singing Festival

Tuesday 11th June: St Barnabas Mass @ 1:30pm

Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th June: Year 6 Residential

Thursday 4th July: Year 6 Transition

Wednesday 10th July: KS1 Sports day

Each class will be allotted a session during the day.

Thursday 11th July: KS2 Sports day

Each class will be allotted a session during the day.

Friday 12th July: 'Break the Rules Day'

Friday 19th July: End of term

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. If your child has to wear earrings please can we ask that they are small and not hooped.

And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely sunny weekend.

Moira Duncombe

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How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments. Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You cannot prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early. Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp. There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.