

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

**Newsletter Friday 10th January 2020**

*Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.*

[www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)



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

We have found out about Epiphany and our school has had an Epiphany blessing.

## 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

**7th February School**  
Disco tbc

**17– 21 February**  
Half term

**25 February**  
KS2 Smoothie bike

**26th February**  
Ash Wednesday Mass  
9:15am  
All welcome

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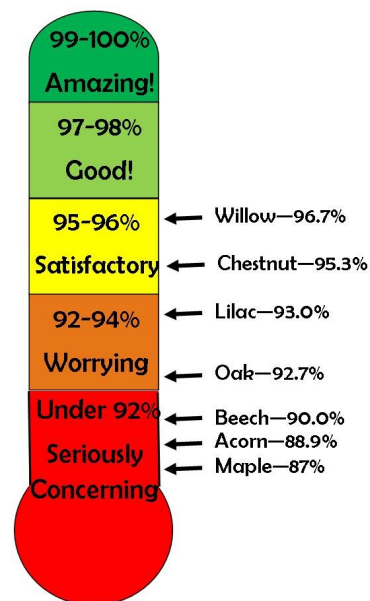
With the colder weather please do make sure your child has a coat, their PE kit and a names water bottle.

## Attendance

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

**Overall attendance last week: 91.93%**

Do remember we start school every-day at 8:45.



## Our School



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a peaceful break and are ready for the new term ahead. During our INSET on Monday we have continued to develop our curriculum plans for

the new academic year.

The children have settled back well and enjoying finding out about their new topics. We discussed how we can challenge ourselves and what we can challenge ourselves with this year. Two of those challenges is to read every day and the second is to keep practising their number bonds and times tables..

On Wednesday Fr. John blessed the school with a special Epiphany blessing.

At the end of last term we notified parents that we welcomed Rachel Aaron to our Governing body as a Parent Governor. Do look at our School Website to find out more information about what our Governing body does.

## Reception class 2020-2021

The application process is now open online with KCC for a Reception Place in September 2020. This process is open until 15th January 2020. There is no advantage in applying early.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>

REMEMBER: You must still apply for a Reception place through KCC if you have a pre school child who has an older sibling in the school. Sibling rights apply and are part of the admissions criteria but you still have to apply for that place. Your older child must be in current YR to Y5 when applying for September 2020.



## Something to think about

On this day in history:

1863 The London Underground, the world's oldest underground railway, opens between Paddington and Farringdon.

## Make a Lantern

Light up the town on 8th February

11th Jan  
10:00-12:30  
13:30-16:00  
Rusthall Primary School

12th Jan  
10:00-12:30  
13:30-16:00  
RVP, old White Stuff unit

18th Jan  
10:00-12:30  
13:30-16:00  
Southborough Primary School

19th Jan  
10:00-12:30  
13:30-16:00  
Tunbridge Wells Free School

25th Jan  
10:00-12:30  
13:30-16:00  
Church of Christ

26th Jan  
10:00-12:30  
13:30-16:00  
St Barnabas

1st Feb  
10-12:30  
13:30-16:00  
Church of Christ

2nd Feb  
10-12:30  
13:30-16:00  
RVP, old White Stuff unit

## A night of Magic

If you would like to book a place at a Lantern Workshop please click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/tunbridge-wells-winter-lantern-parade-18201590455>

Have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes

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