

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 20th September 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 discussed the importance of differences.

Attendance

As we start our new year together we have new attendance expectations from the Department for Education.



Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

This week our Whole School attendance was 96.3%.

This Week...

Last Saturday the school was open as part of the Tunbridge Wells Heritage events sharing some of our archives. Over 60 people came into the school and Dave has shared that it was lovely to explore memories of past pupils' time at St Barnabas.

This week Mr Mackinnon had over twenty children take part in School football trials on Wednesday. All the children who took part showed great sportsmanship and we look forward to seeing these teams play in the future.

We always love to host AIM High Days where children from across the local schools come together to work with an author. It's lovely to have other schools visiting us and to see the children play together at lunchtimes.

This time we had Stephen Davies visit us to work with some of our Year 5 and 6 children. The day was spent creating creative writing linked to the topic of The Titanic.

It was a fantastic day and Dr Charles informs me that the children would not stop writing!

We look forward to the next AIM High Day!

Today Year 6 are off to The Amelia to take part in a workshop linked to this term's learning.



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:

Well done to: Peggy, Lucy, Mina, Eren, Aiden, Mila, Mofe, Shashank, Billy, Morire, Stanley, Robert and Rafi.

Well done to Julia for achieving her handwriting award.

Team Point winner this week is... Saints!

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

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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: safeguarding@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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 weekend and hopefully we will see some sunshine!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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