

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 22nd October 2021

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

This week we continued to look at the importance of names and how many things are impossible

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. Do remember that we close our gates at 8:50 every-day and we finish at 3pm.



This week

What a fabulous time we had at our two discos. It was lovely to see everyone having fun together. A huge thank you to our PTFA and of course DJ Lollipop and we look forward to our next one...

Our Class Masses have started again; each class has the opportunity to have a dedicated time to ask questions and this week they completed their RE units of work. This week Year 5 and 6 had their turn and after half term it will be the turn of our other classes.

It has been lovely to speak to you about your child's learning this week and sharing how they have settled into school life. If you have not been able to make contact with your child's teacher please do either in the playground or via the class email address.

On Tuesday our football team took part in a football tournament and played brilliantly, with Panashe being awarded Player of the Tournament.

Years 5 and 6 have had school trips to Herstmonceaux and the British Museum; they all had a fabulous time and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Yesterday a member of the Fire service came to talk to the children about fire safety and emailed me afterwards to say how wonderful our children are!!

Match Report!

Congratulations to Albert, Aaban, Ruben, Harry G, Tom I, Panashe, Lucas, Alfie, Harry S and Thomas G for competing at the Uplands Football Festival on Tuesday.

Defence dominated our first match against a very strong Stonegate team who were in control from the off. Fortunately, Alfie and Albie were composed at the back and Panashe pulled off a string of spectacular saves to keep the game scoreless. St Barnabas almost snatched the game at the death as Tom I broke down the left wing and narrowly missed with a long-range effort. The match ended in a 0-0 draw with both teams happy with the point but ruing missed opportunities.



In game 2, the St Barnabas team got off to a flying start with Tom I finding the net with a remarkable solo effort with less than 30 seconds on the clock. Tom scored his second goal just a few moments later with a swinging corner which clipped a Mark Cross defender before crossing the line. Now it was time to hold on to our lead, with Lucas, Harry S and Aaban defending valiantly to secure a hard-earned 2-1 victory.

After a 0-0 draw with Ticehurst, St Barnabas came up against the eventual winners of the competition: Sacred Heart. Despite the result, a 2-0 defeat, this was perhaps our team's best performance of the competition. Stand out performances from Ruben and Alfie almost saw St Barnabas take the lead in this pulsating and entertaining game. However, in the end, the class of the Sacred Heart team was evident as they scored two high quality goals to win the match.

Next up were Frant. This close game was settled with perhaps the goal of the tournament. On the stroke of half time, Alfie burst down the left wing, leaving a string of defenders in his wake. As he reached the left corner-flag, he swung in a fizzing cross with his left boot which found Tom I waiting on the back post who blasted the ball into the net. Frant were unable to come back from this setback and with the help of strong performances from Harry G and Thomas G, St Barnabas held on for a 1-0 victory.

Our team finished the tournament with a very respectable 2-0 defeat to the eventual runners-up, Wadhurst, leaving St Barnabas with a record of two sensational victories, two hard fought draws and two close defeats. These results earned us a very competitive 4th place finish in the competition. Furthermore, a string of spectacular goalkeeping performances also earned Panashe the prestigious award of Player of the Tournament. Congratulations Panashe - out of over 70 participants, you were selected as the stand-out performer!



Once again, our competitors were a credit to our school. Well done. We cannot wait to see what is next for this talented group of players.

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 directly on 07966 190428 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.

One Run Global Relay

On Friday 15th October, we were blown away...! 135,496 pupils from 54 countries came together and passed the One Run Global Relay baton around the world.

We want to say a BIG thank you to everyone at St Barnabas for taking part, and an even bigger thank you to YOU for making it happen! Thank you for showing up, taking part and making Friday truly epic.

You helped show that although we might all be from different places, spaces and walks of life - when we come together as one, we can achieve the impossible.

Have you seen the ParentPay message about our new Breakfast Club?



The breakfast club will run every day from 07.30 to 08.30. Children will be able to arrive any time, however breakfast will only be served from 7.30 to 8.00. There will be games and activities after children have eaten breakfast, and at 8.30 they will be able to go to their classrooms.

Breakfast will include cereals, toast with jam/spreads, yoghurts, fruit juice and milk. It will take place in the hall, apart from Fridays when it will be in the Year 1 classroom. Each session costs £4, and all sessions must be booked in advance by emailing breakfastclub@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Payment should be made by ParentPay. The deadline to make or cancel a booking is 3pm the day before the booking. So if you want to book for Wednesday, your deadline is 3pm on Tuesday. Similarly, bookings for Monday must be made by 3pm on the Friday before. Please note that the breakfast club will initially be run on a trial basis, until at least the end of the summer term.

All Souls' Lamps of Remembrance

At this time of year, we pray for our departed loved ones and this is a meaningful way to remember them. The Parish Requiem will be at 7pm on All Souls' Day, 2nd November, when the lamps will be lit.

If you would like to purchase one or more lamps, please fill in the form (with names clearly written in block capitals) and return to Father John Caster. The lamps are available at £4 each.

The deadline to return the form is 28th October, however, we would appreciate it if you could return it as soon as you can, the earlier the better.

Parent Governor Elections

Deadline for nominations is 5th November. Please do get involved!

Garden Work Party



On Saturday 6th November, the Rotary Club and PTFA are organising a working party to continue the work started in the summer to redevelop the school garden. The session will start at 10am and finish no later than 4pm. If the weather is good and there is still more work to be done, we will also

form a working party for Sunday 7th November as well.

We are planning to use this time to build new raised beds, re-deck the stage area, woodchip the woodland area and level the grass area.

If you are able to lend your support and help us, please contact Mr Mackinnon using the Beech Class email address: beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Thank you for your help

Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about 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 the following for being our Stars this week:

Zayn, Liliana, Mya, Nina, Evie (Yr3), Akinde, Eva, Stanley, Isadora, Heera, Harry G, Taanvi, Frazer, Ava & Chloe D.

Well done to Angels 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

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-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.

Something to think about

If you go for a walk how many sounds can you hear?



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 pack lunch boxes

Have a lovely half term and I hope everyone has a restful week. See you all back on Monday 1st November.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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