

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 27th 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.

We discussed the importance of values and feeling valued.

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%.

This Week...

What a busy week and hasn't the weather been horrible!

In July we achieved our School Sports Gold award for the third year running and this year in our PE lessons we are using a new teaching scheme to help enable our children to develop a wide range of sporting skills. It has been wonderful to see the children learning a range of skills linked to the ball skills and in particular Netball, Handball, Basketball and Football.



We look forward to seeing the children develop these skills and today we have one of our Football teams play in a tournament in Wadhurst – weather permitting! Go team ST B!

Puppet Show 9th October

On Wednesday 9th October straight after morning drop off we are hosting a puppet show called 'HULLABALOO'; this is part of the Tunbridge Wells puppet festival and exclusive to our school. The show is aimed at Mums/Dads with babies and toddlers and best of all it is **free!** There will be a donation bucket for those that would like to support the work of the Festival.

Ticket numbers are limited and we have the option of a second show straight after should there be a big demand. You can book your tickets by contacting Dave in the playground, on 07966290428 or via email dprodrick@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk.



Our School Harvest Festival is on Friday 11th October at 9am at St Barnabas Church. We will be collecting dried goods for the local foodbank which the children will be sharing during the service. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Dates for your diary

2nd October: School Photos

4th October: Year 1 trip to
Lynne's Farm

9th October: Puppet Show

10th October: Years 3&4 Atom &
Luna performance

11th October: Harvest Festival

16th October: Year 5 trip to
Herstmonceaux

25th October: Term ends

4th November: Term 2 begins

**SAFARI
CENSUS DAY**
**THURSDAY 3RD
OCTOBER**

Super Snaky Sausage Rolls
OR
Chimps Cheese and Onion Pasty
WITH
Wild Wedges & Jungle Corn
Ice Cream

A healthy food meal is important for children and young people to keep healthy and improve their performance

FOODSMART
FOR BODY AND BRAIN

AiP
GROUP OF COMPANIES



The Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival is delighted to be back from 5-13 October 2024 with a larger than ever before festival throughout the town, bringing world class puppetry to Kent.

Tickets are now on sale for this year's festival 5– 13 October:

- 48 performances of world-class puppetry
- Two UK Premieres
- One World Premiere
- Three International puppetry companies
- Parade through the town centre
- Day of free performances
- Six free workshops

Performances and events will take place across the town from Royal Victoria Place to Trinity Theatre, The Forum to the Camden Centre, The Pantiles, and Calverley Grounds.

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 of the Week are: Zach, Davina, Emily, Christian, Tunmise, Nellie, Lacie, Juan, Evie, Teddy, Cansu, Sherri and Aiyana.

Well done to Henry for achieving his Sunday School 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

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

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 some sunshine!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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