

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 31st January 2025

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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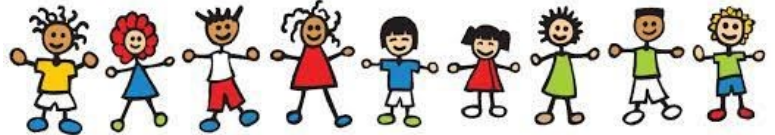


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We continued to find out about 'I am the Bread of life'.

Attendance

We continue to work hard to achieve the 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 again 95%.

This Week...

Yesterday we had our windows and door put on the outside classroom. These have been custom made for the classroom and will enable us to use this space in all weathers. This area has been a great addition to our school and we are so pleased with the results!



A few week ago I put a plea out to everyone to make sure our children come to school in the correct uniform, with long hair tied up and also no jewellery. Thank you so much

for your support with this request and I hope you can help us with the following:

- Please can we remind you that children in KS1 are given fresh fruit or vegetables as a snack as part of the NHS Free Fruit Scheme. They do not need to bring a snack into school.
- Children in KS2 are allowed to have healthy snacks but please can we ask that they do not have large bags of crisps or chocolate (including chocolate biscuits).
- Finally, please can we ask that no make-up is brought into school which includes nail varnish and lipbalm/lipstick.

Thank you so much for your support!

Next week we have our School Discos. Please remember that no children will be allowed to attend unless tickets are purchased by 3pm on Thursday 6th February. Tickets are available, as usual, via the Arbor School Shop.

Date list:

Thursday 6th February	Last day to book tickets for the School Disco—3pm
Friday 7th February	KS1 and KS2 Disco
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February	Drama Geezers visiting
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	Term 4 begins
Wednesday 5th March	Year R Hearing Screening
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 19th March	Year 5 Trip
Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th March	Year 6 Residential
Friday 28th March	Sponsored Walk
Friday 4th April	End of Term
Monday 7th – 21st April	Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	Term 5 begins



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:

Stars of the Week: Blake, Oliver, Raif, Luca, Salah, Adam, Atiyyah, Jane, Nina, Henry, Eva and Rowan.

Team Point winner: Kingdom.

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 keep warm!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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