

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 21st March 2025

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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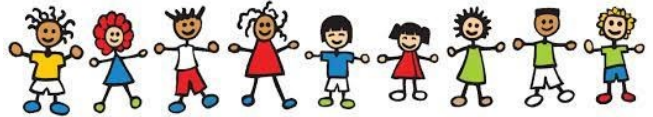


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We thought about rain!

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.

Whole School attendance was 91% this week. There has been a lot of illness this week. Please ensure that you contact the school office by 9am when your child will not be at school.

This Week...

Thank you to everyone who came to Parent Consultations this week to discuss your child's progress. Please do contact your child's teacher via the class emails if you have not been able to see them yet to book an appointment (see email addresses below).

This week our children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Into Film Festival and went to the Trinity theatre to watch Piece By Piece. Years 1- 4 will be going next week to see The Wild Robot. This is a free event to enable children to enjoy a memorable cinema experience.

On Wednesday our Year 5 went to The Amelia to take part in a Victorian workshop. They found out about how much Queen Victoria loved Tunbridge Wells when she came to visit in 1834 and 1855 by reading extracts from her journal. They were then shown lots of photographs of Tunbridge Wells taken during her reign. Lilac Class had the opportunity to handle a range of



artefacts and investigated what they could have been used for. They also explored the centre, completing a fact file sheet by going on a 'History Trail' around the Victorian exhibits.



Thank you to everyone who has dressed up and contributed

to Red Nose Day. As a school we have raised over £185 so far, which is fantastic! Please keep your donations coming on Arbor or in cash—buckets are on the gate at the end of the day!

School Sponsored Walk



We are really looking forward to our Sponsored Walk next week to raise money for the Year 3 and 4 Show-in-a-Week production of Alice in Wonderland.

Acorn and Year 1 will complete a 1.5km route.

Years 2 to 6 will complete a 3km route.

We desperately need to raise funds to make sure that the show-in-a-week concept can continue and become a regular part of the school calendar. So please, get involved and start raising sponsorship money straight away!

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored so far and we hope for super weather!

We kindly ask that all sponsorship money is collected and handed in to school no later than Friday 4th April. Sponsorship raised in cash can be handed in to the school office in a named envelope. Sponsorship payments can also be made using the School Shop in Arbor.

If you have any questions regarding the sponsored walk, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mackinnon directly.

GET READY FOR...
FUN FRIDAY!
SPRING SPONSORED WALK
+
ICE CREAM SALE
+
MOVIE NIGHT (£2.50)
FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

Dates:

Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th March:

Year 6 residential

Friday 28th March:

Sponsored Walk

Fun Friday (movie night)

Friday 4th April:

End of Term

Tuesday 22nd April:

Start of term 5

Tuesday 22nd:

Applause Theatre visiting

26th April:

Pool set up!!

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: Demi W, Vedashree, Albie, Robert, Esme, Ivaan, Nellie, Mya, Nikola, Maryam, Julia, Rosie and Stanley.

Handwriting award: Rayanaash, Debbie, Teddy, Edward, Alicia and Benedita.

Team Point winner: Angels.

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...

We hope Year 6 have a great time next week on their residential trip and do keep an eye out for some exciting news! With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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