

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 25th April 2025

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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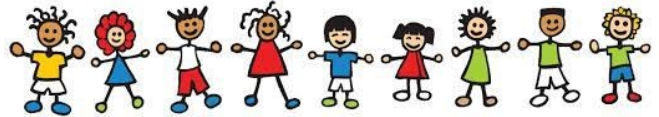


Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We thought about Jesus as a Fisherman.

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 96% this week—keep up the good work!

This Week...



Welcome back to Term 5 which is a short but very busy term ahead! During the holiday our wall was painted by the street artist Humor. Our School Council worked on a project with him to create a mural inspired by local nature, which was funded by the Amelia Centre. We thank everyone involved. On Tuesday the Applause Theatre came into school to give all our children the opportunity to watch and an amazing puppet show. We are very fortunate to have links with both these organisations.

On Wednesday and Thursday our older children had the opportunity to play against Pembury in friendly football matches. The teams from both schools played well and we hope to develop this competitive link further.

Year 3 and 4 have started to learn their lines and songs for their Show in a Week and I am pleased to say that we have reached our target of £3800 and still counting! A huge thank you to everyone who collected sponsor money and we look forward to seeing the show at the Trinity Theatre in May.

During this week and weekend the pool is going to be set up on our playground which is very exciting!

The Drama Geezers – Now That's What I Call A Story



Details

Date:
[Saturday, 10 May](#)

Time:
11.00am

Cost:
£8.00

Event Category:
[Children's and Young Adult Fiction](#)

[Book Event](#)

Venue

[Little Vic Theatre](#)

Royal Victoria Place
Tunbridge Wells, [Kent](#) TN1 2SS

Thursday 8th May– VE day



This year is the 80th celebration of VE day or Victory in Europe day. To celebrate this, the children can dress up in their own clothes of red, white or blue or all three on Thursday 8th May!!

Well done to Billy who came first in the latest School Chess Club competition. It was a very close game and well done to everyone involved.



Who are the Emotional Wellbeing Team?

Who are we?

We are the Emotional Wellbeing Team at your child's school. Emotional Wellbeing Teams are a government initiative also known nationally as Mental Health Support Teams. We're specially trained to help children at school with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. From time to time, children and young people need additional support with their emotional wellbeing and mental health, so we're here to help. Getting the right support early can prevent problems getting bigger, so that your child can enjoy school, home, time with family & friends, and other activities.

Who can we help?

We provide support to all children in the school, and work together with everyone in the school community to promote a 'whole school approach' to emotional wellbeing and mental health. We also work with children and their parents/carers in group or 1:1 sessions to support with specific problems.

How we can help

We have several ways to support your child, including:

Whole school activities and workshops to promote emotional wellbeing and increase understanding of how to take care of our mental health.

Group and 1:1 sessions to support parents/carers including:

Supporting your children with worries and fears

Understanding your child's behaviour

Website link:

<https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/kent-primary-schools>

Our work in primary schools:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TVCwJDjU-c>

Zuska Kennard – Senior EWP:

I am so excited to be part of the West Kent team expanding into your school. I am looking forward to working collaboratively to support children, young people and families to promote wellbeing.



Kerri Adofo – EMHP:

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and working alongside you to support the young people in your schools. I am passionate about the difference we can all make when it comes to helping children navigate life's challenges and realising their potential."



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: Rohullah, Leo, Alfie-Lee, Luca, Zaviyar, Dylan, Zayn, Juan, Liliana, Saira, Daniel, Julianne and Stefan.

Well done to Adam in Year 3 for showing all the School Values.

Team Point winner: 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...

Have a lovely weekend,

Moirá Duncombe

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