

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 27th January 2023

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.

This week we continued exploring crosses from around the world

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. As a School our attendance stands at 92%

Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.



This week...

This week has been a full week of learning at St Barnabas. In several classes we have celebrated Chinese New Year. This year is the Year of the Rabbit and in Acorn Class they have been dragon threading and making kites:



Acorn have also been challenged to find the word 'he' in their books and around them and I wonder who will see the most? Do remember that if your child is in Acorn, their class is open every Wednesday to visit and read with your child until 9am.

Willow Class have been working hard on their Gymnastics challenges and Mr Luckhurst has been very pleased with their progress. Year 3 and 4 have settled into their swimming lessons and are really trying hard – well done everyone!

All children from Year 1 upwards have their Wider Curriculum home learning in their Class blogs and for Year 6 Google Classroom. If you complete any of the challenges please do let us know as we would love to see and hear what you have found out.

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.

Our stars this week are: Juno, Junior and Tilly, Max, Brijesh, Nyla, Shaarvi, Vedika, Aiyana, Ebraheem, Jaden, Tom and Yoseph.

This week our Team Point winner was Saints– congratulations to everyone in Saints!

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.

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 remember to bring a coat everyday and make sure it is named!

Have a lovely weekend and I hope it's a little less cold!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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 Department for Education

Planned industrial action in schools in England Information for parents and carers

The National Education Union has announced **national strike action** in schools in England on:

Wednesday 1 February

Wednesday 15 March

Thursday 16 March

As well as **regional strike action** on:

Tuesday 28 February
Northern, North West,
Yorkshire and the Humber

Wednesday 1 March
East Midlands,
Western and Eastern

Thursday 2 March
London, South East
and South West

If strike action goes ahead, school leaders or the local authority that manages the school will do all they can to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible.

In some schools there may be little or no impact from strike action but in others it may mean some changes. For example, lessons might be taught by other staff members or classes merged. Some schools may need to close or restrict attendance for some pupils.

Your child's headteacher or school leader will communicate with you about the impact on the school and whether your child can attend on strike days. This is likely to be shortly before any strike action goes ahead.

We have asked schools to prioritise vulnerable children, children of critical workers and those taking exams or formal assessments this year when making decisions about who can attend on planned strike days.

Unless your child's school is closed or restricting attendance for your child, you should still send your children to school unless they are unwell.

More information for parents and carers is available at: [educationhub.blog.gov.uk](https://www.educationhub.blog.gov.uk)

