

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 17th March 2023

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

This week we continued to focus on The Pathways to Easter

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 91.6%.

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



This week...

Our school thoroughly enjoyed the theatre and film last week and our thanks go to the adults who helped our children walk to the theatres and back.

On Wednesday we had 24 Year 3 and 4 children from other schools join six of our Year 4 to take part in an AIM Maths Day. The day was spent trying different Maths challenges including Magic Squares and also Chinese Tangrams.

The end of the day was playing with calculators to see who could reach 21 by only using 2,1, + and =. One of the children stated 'this is hard but fun'. Well done to Jake, Rafi, Stanley, Lola, and Phoebe.

On the same day our Hockey squad took part in their first tournament. They tried incredibly hard and not only came fourth but were also unanimously awarded the Sportsmanship Award by the adults in charge.

Yesterday we had two Basketball Coaches who worked with our KS2 children at lunchtime and also with our Years 2 and 5. The children had a great time and Xian was invited to take part in the National League Under 12 trials which is amazing! We are hoping to run an after-school Basketball Club later in the year.

Today is Red Nose Day and we thank you for supporting this charity event.



Playground Updates

Exciting news! The School Council have been working alongside Mr Mackinnon and Mrs Duncombe to plan and design some renovations and enhancements to the school playground. We are pleased to announce that playground renovation work will begin on Monday 20th March.

While we are hoping to complete as much work as possible during the Easter holidays, some building work will be completed during school time. As a result, there may be a little disruption to our normal playground activities, with certain sections of the playground being out of bounds while building work is completed.

Therefore, please take this in to consideration during drop off and pick up times to ensure that we all stay safe.

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: Adhil, Olive, Arlo, Ted, Kelliana, Darius, Jayden, Aaron, Macie, Rafi, Shehrezad, Jasper, Alana, Rose, Ishanvi and Siddarth.

Well done to Daniel for achieving his Handwriting award.

Team point winner: 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

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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.

Future

Dates

Coronation

Bank Holiday:

Monday 8th May – no school

KS1 Sports Day:

Wednesday 14th June

KS2 Sports Day:

Thursday 15th June



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.

The following items would be good for snack time:

- * Fruits and vegetables
- * Cheese sticks or cheese
- * Crackers – bread sticks, cheese crackers, Ritz, etc.
- * Granola bars or cereal bars
- * Pretzels
- * Small bag of crisps

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

Have a lovely weekend – do keep an eye on any emails from school and have you signed up for your child's Parent Consultations next week?

With best wishes

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