

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 9th February 2024

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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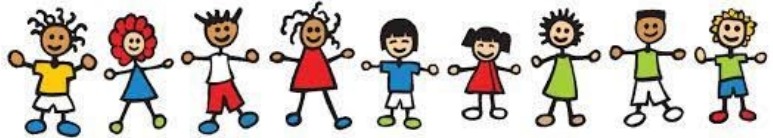


Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we have found out about the being safe online.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 92.49%.



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

This Week...

We had a fabulous night last Friday with our School Discos and raised over £536. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported the event.

On Tuesday we celebrated Safer Internet Day and during worship discussed the main message of 'Inspiring Change'. We discussed how to be safe online and what to do if we felt unsafe. We also talked about the importance of knowing who you are talking or playing with online. Our children were confident in knowing that this was important but please do check at home that they are doing this in practise! As part of worship I shared the SMART rules regarding being safe online.

On Tuesday we hosted another AIM High writers day for some of our Year 3 & 4 children, plus a few visiting from five other schools to take part. The children worked with a poet called Kimba and had a fabulous day. The children worked well across the schools and it was lovely to see everyone playing so well together at play times.

It is hoped that our outside classroom will be finished by the time we come back apart from decorating, which will happen probably over the Easter holiday.

Next week is half term and I hope everyone has a restful week and comes back to our term 4 feeling well and ready to learn on Monday 19th February!

Remember to Be SMART

Stay Safe: Never give your name, address or passwords out to anyone online. They may say they are the same age as you but they could be lying.

Meet: Never go to meet someone you have made friends with online. If an online friend wants to see you, talk to an adult you trust. Remember that they might not be who they say they are.

Accepting: If someone sends you a photo or a file, ask a trusted adult for help. Do not open the photo or file. It could have a virus.

Reliable: Remember that you can't trust everyone who uses the Internet. Not everyone is kind or trustworthy.

Tell: Tell a trusted adult if something online upsets you or makes you worried.



Have you been to Charlie's Angels on Camden Road?

It is an ethical eatery, where they operate on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis for hot food and surplus delights. Pay what feels right to you, knowing that every bite supports their mission and the community.

Dave informs me that on a Saturday afternoon and Monday afternoon they often have bread and other items going spare.

Do go and have a look....



In Cookery Club yesterday the children had a fabulous time making pancakes:



Creative Afternoons for Parents

I can't paint

I can't draw

I'm not creative

Does this sound like you? Come along on Tuesday afternoons and let me show you that EVERYONE can be creative. Join our relaxed afternoons finding our creativity together. If you have already unleashed your creativity please come along and share your skills with the rest of us.

Come along on Tuesdays at 1.30pm for a coffee in the school hall to find out more and have a go everyone welcome.

Contact me if you want to find out more or to offer your skills

Thank you

Dave

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Term dates for 2024 – 2025

Term 1 (2024)

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - **staff development day (no children in school)**

Wednesday 4th September - **term starts for Years 1-6 (Reception details to follow)**

Friday 25th October - **term ends**

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November - **half term holiday**

Term 2

Monday 4th November - **term starts**

Friday 20th December - **term ends**

Monday 23rd December 2024 – Friday 3rd January 2025 – **Christmas holiday**

Term 3 (2025)

Monday 6th January 2025 – **term starts**

Friday 14th February - **term ends**

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – **half term holiday**

Term 4

Monday 24th February - **term starts**

Friday 4th April - **term ends**

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April – **Easter holiday**

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April - **term starts**

Monday 5th May - **Bank Holiday**

Friday 23rd May - **term ends**

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – **half term holiday**

Term 6

Monday 2nd June - **staff development day (no children in school)**

Tuesday 3rd June - **term starts**

Friday 18th July - **term ends**

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July - **staff development days (no children in school)**



Friday Worship

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.

Well done to our Stars of the Week: Himansh, Aiden, Esme, Charlie F, Asu, Spencer, Ellis, Luke D, Henry, Nina G, Hayden, Zoe, Damon and Om.

Team points winners this week... Kingdom.

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.

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Chestnut: chestnut@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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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 make sure children are dressed in the correct uniform and have a named water bottle everyday.

Have a lovely half term and I hope it stops raining!!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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