

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 11th November 2016

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Dates and Reminders

PTFA Craft Event

Tomorrow
10.30-2pm
in the hall to create
gifts for our
Christmas Fair.

Book Club

Book Club closing
date Wed 16th or
Thur 17th for
online orders –
<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-barnabas-tn1>

Thank you to
those who have
already placed an
order

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Lost Property

We have lots of
coats in the school
hall with no
names. Do go
and have a look
and see if one of
those is yours.

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Please make sure
your child has a
named water
bottle.



This Week in School



Today we stopped at 11am to remember those who have died in wars with the whole school meeting in the playground. Fr John led us in prayer and Dolly and Max took up a special wreath to the church on behalf of the school.

We had our first School Council meeting this week and Dolly and Max are going to be in charge! The council have decided that for Children in Need next Friday the school can wear either spots or yellow or both! The fine for choosing to wear these on Friday is a donation to Children in Need. Thank you in advance.

Our Year 4 turned into Vikings on Tuesday and had a fabulous time and thankfully turned back into their wonderful selves by the end of the day.

We have been informed that some of our children are not as safe as they could be online. If your child is using social media, please make sure that that you are aware of who they are talking to. We do teach e-safety as part of our curriculum and will be running information sessions for parents next term.

Attendance –

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 96% to achieve. Last week the best class was Lilac - well done. Here is the breakdown for each class:

Acorn	97%
Willow	96 %
Beech	98%
Maple	97.3%
Chestnut	96.8%
Lilac	99.3%
Oak	90.38%

This week in class:

Acorn

This week, we have been learning the 'm' phoneme; we have been busy painting minions, making monsters, investigating with magnets and learning to write the 'm' grapheme. We have also been discussing titles and authors during our story times. In Maths, we have been learning to add two groups of objects together to make totals of up to 10 objects. In our play, we have been shopping in our Tesco role-play area, investigating our messy tray which was full of instant mashed potato, ordering numbers to 10, building castles with the crates and wooden planks and making our own books!

Willow

This week, Willow Class have been busy learning about halving numbers and shapes in Maths. The children have been practising their spellings and been learning about split digraphs in Phonics. Fr John visited the class on Monday afternoon and the children asked him questions about the church, his role, his pets, his favourite foods and his clothes. On Tuesday we visited the church to learn about baptism and look at the font. Mr Luckhurst joined us for PE again on Wednesday morning and the class enjoyed developing their agility skills. The children have also been practising their cursive letter formation and learning about Remembrance Day.

Beech

In Beech Class we made a fact file about war poet Robert Graves. We learnt how to make notes and then compile information. We will also be carrying out a reading comprehension about Remembrance Day. In Maths we interpreted more data in pictograms and will be making a tally chart involving smarties to make a block graph! Today we made wedding cards in preparation for our Beech Class wedding next week on Thursday 17th, remember to dress up!

Maple

We have continued looking at folk tales from other cultures this week. We read the opening paragraphs of 'The Girl in the Forest' and thought about what indicated to us that it might be a traditional tale. The children were able to list lots of common themes and examples from other tales. We went on to predict what we thought might happen next, whether there would be additional characters, a problem to solve and a happy ending. We used the characters of the girl, the king and the servants to focus on writing sentences containing adverbs too.

In Maths we have continued our unit on multiplication and division, with a focus on securing the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Working in pairs the children had to use their skills to order cards using calculations so that the set formed a loop. Lots of different strategies and explanations were used.

This week in RE we learned about Hindu worship at home. We studied the items used for Puja and are able to explain their meanings. Thank you Praneet and Pranav for your input on this.

We have been lucky to have 2 sessions with PE coaches this week. On Wednesday we continued invasion games and Friday was tag rugby. It was wonderful to have almost all children with kit and able to participate.

Chestnut

The children have been developing their descriptive writing, they planned and wrote descriptions of an 'ancient cave'. They chose their language carefully to bring their writing to life. In Science the class started a new topic 'Animals, Including Humans'. They looked at the complicated process of digestion in humans and found it fascinating!

Report from Beckett:

Viking Day

On Tuesday our class went to the hall for a Viking Workshop, to learn how the Vikings lived. There were 2 people leading the workshop, a man called Tim Smallbeard and a lady called Janwin the Wise. First we did a timeline. It started from OAD, Jesus, to 2016, Xbox1PS4. I was King Harold and I got killed by William the Conquer at the battle of Hastings. And then I killed King Harald at the battle of Stamford. Next we dressed up. The girls dressed up in pinafores and head scarves and the boys dressed up in tunics and woollen hats. Next we had tattoos, you could have a snake or a horse. I had a snake. The scientific name is zoomorphic.

Then we did our activities. There were seven activities to do. First, me. Khadija, Matei and Stanley did spinning and then we did weaving. After that we tried on some clothes and made toothache cure. You need; 1. cloves. 2. a thick bit of wood to mash. 3. water. 4. your hands. 5. a bowl. Firstly put cloves into your bowl. Next mash the cloves. Then add the water. After that mix. Finally, rub it on your teeth.

Then we did 3 more activities. I made flour, played knucklebones (now called Jacks) and identify 3 fake artefacts from lots of artefacts.

After that it was lunch, I played Viking horses with Esma and Jeanii and I had a yummy packed lunch. Then I played battles with Redford, Ollie, Jeanii, Esma and Maciej. When the whistle blew we tested how long our spinning wool could go. It went from the start of the balancing bean to past the flower bed! Next we made some metal bracelets. You had to make the ends blunt with sandpaper and carve your name and what super power you want. I had flying.

Later on we had a banquet. First we made our king and queen (Matei and Emily). Secondly we made laws to keep or not to keep. Then we got to eat. There were mushrooms, beef, rabbit stew (it tasted a bit like chicken) bread, lentils, maceral and goats cheese. When we had finished Tim told us a story about Thor. It was amazing.

Finally we did battle training. There was; stand vast/ shield wall/ high ward/ plough ward/ ox ward. Then we had to have points for the best team (depending on if you had a snake or a horse tattoo) My team snakes had 3 and horses had 2. It was a fantastic day.

Lilac

In Lilac Class this week we have missed Miss Charles who is poorly and we wish her well and look forward to seeing her soon. In Maths we have been working on recognizing angles and using a protractor. We have been learning about angles on a straight line and trying hard with our mental maths. In English we have written reports on our visit to Standen House and looked at how we can use hyphens. We are lucky that we are working with two PE coaches and working on our invasion games skills.

Oak

We have been learning about the human circulatory system in our Science lessons and this week have been finding out about blood. In fact, the children had to make a model of blood! We used: Cheerios, marshmallows, food colouring and oats! It was a lot of fun and hopefully all the children learnt about the different components of human blood.

In our English lessons, the children have been writing detailed descriptions of a mythical beast. We have also been learning about and researching some of the First World War poets.

In Maths, we have been focusing on negative numbers and solving word problems.

Job Vacancy

We are looking for a dynamic and committed After School Club Supervisor to take over the running of our After School Club. The post is a term-time only position for 17 hours a week, 3.00 - 6.00pm Monday to Friday and an additional 2 hours planning and administration time per week. Minimum of NVQ Level 3 qualification or equivalent in Playwork Development required. For full details search on www.kent-teach.com or contact Linsey via the office.

PTFA

Well done to Andrei and Grace for winning the PTFA poster competition. It was a tough decision as everyone had tried so hard!

Saturday 12th November Craft Workshop

Saturday 26th November PTFA Christmas

Fayre 11- 2pm

Saturday 4th February Lantern Parade



Think think think

Something to think about:

Look at car numbers plates as you walk to school and see if you can add the digits together. Can you multiply them?

Keep warm this weekend. With best wishes

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