



# BARNABAS NEWS

17TH JANUARY 2020 WEEK

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Our aim ...  
To be kind and learn as much as you can.

## DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

A good second week back with lots on.

On Monday Year 6 visited the Bayer Baylab in Reading and learnt how to extract their own DNA. It was a very interesting trip with excellent learning culminating in their precious DNA being tipped down the sink!

Year 2 have started their plant topic and there are bags of compost being used very purposefully. Thank you to our volunteer gardeners for lending their support. Year 1 enjoyed Forest School in the rain with the mud kitchen really coming into its own. Year 3 have nearly finished their rainforest stories which we look forward to reading. Year 5 are working hard on their London topic and are determined to learn all the Queens and Kings since the start of the common era. Reception visited St Barnabas Church to learn about our local Christian place of worship.

Karen Donaghey  
twitter @BarnabasBuzz for pictures

### LEARNING

We are having another blitz on times tables so everyone knows them all by the end of Year 4. Children are taking part in interventions to help but practising at home makes a real difference.

We have been teaching the children the importance of long term memory and that practice is what secures learning getting those times tables into their long term memory is the aim.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzXcl49jdV0&safe=true>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3PojOwjHcc&t=5s&safe=true>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0dJWfQHf8Y&safe=true>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe9bnYRzFvk&safe=true>

**REMINDER ALL CHILDREN NEED PE KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AS SOMETIMES TIMETABLES CHANGE. THEY NEED SEPARATE SHOES FOR OUTDOOR PE**

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The NOROVIRUS is still around. It is unpleasant and very common. We are encouraging children to wash their hands properly and are making sure school is kept clean. If your child does become unwell please keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you

### PIANO LESSONS

Hannah who teaches lots of children at school has space for more pupils. Please contact her on 07877 168091 for details.

### Primary Playmakers

Year 6 parents please remember to contribute to the Primary Playmakers who are working with Year 6 all next week. This is already heavily subsidised and is an amazing opportunity.

### DRAMA CLUB

Drama Club starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact the office if you would like to book a place. This will be for children in Years 2-5.

### SNACKS

A plea for Healthy Snacks. Snacks for playtime should be fruit or vegetables and not crisps. Crisps are unhealthy and the packets are not recyclable so please do not send them to school. Those we notice with healthy snack will be given house points. After school club serve a variety of foods for snack to ensure the children have variety and so food does not become an issue.

**WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWIFREE SCHOOL.** Please check cereal bars and snacks and do not send products such as Nutella to school.

This includes pine nuts, humus and tahini.