

ST BARNABAS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

18th July 2022

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DEAR FAMILIES

It's turning out to be a very hot end of year. The children have coped amazingly well helped by lots of water splashing around and the use of our amazing tree shade. We've had some great events to finish the year. The Year 5 and 6 performances was amazing and enjoyed by all. The music concert highlighted the wealth of talent at St Barnabas and sports day was well received despite the heat. At the time of writing Reception and Year 1 are enjoying a day at Hill End for Forest School. All these things are thanks to our amazing staff who go out of their way to give the children such a rich experience of education.

This is the last term for Miss Hamilton, Mr Heather, Mrs Green and Miss Keys and we wish them well in their new careers. They have made a huge contribution to our school and will be greatly missed. I too finish this term. It has been a privilege to have been Headteacher of St Barnabas. It is a wonderful school with fantastic children, many supportive parents and governors and a staff totally devoted to the wellbeing and education of the children. I wish Scott Lewis well, as your new Headteacher, and look forward to seeing how St Barnabas develops.

We hope everyone has a great summer holiday and the staff look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 6th September.

Best wishes
Karen Donaghey
Headteacher

EVENTS, TIMES AND DATES

Wednesday 20th July 9.05 am Year 6 Leavers Assembly, families welcome.

Term finishes Wednesday 20th July 1.30pm no ASC that day.

Thursday 21st July INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th September Term starts 8.45am

The DfE have recently contacted all schools because they were concerned that many schools are not doing the required hours of 32.5 per week and we have been told to change our hours from September. Governors have decided that from September our hours will be as follows.

The School Day from September

8.20am gates open

8.35am School doors open- children enter classrooms

8.45 am Registration and gates locked

3.15 pm School day ends collect from pedestrian gates

MONEY

As we near the end of the School Year, please check your child's dinner and After School Club accounts and ensure that any outstanding payments are made. It really does help our office staff when we don't have to send communications asking for payment. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

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PLEASE NOTE due to the continued increase in food prices school dinners have gone up and from September the cost will be £2.50 per meal

Thank You

WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWI FREE SCHOOL

Please help us protect our children with severe allergies by not sending these items to school. This includes many cereal bars, **Nutella**, tahini and peanut butter.

Thank you

NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

Nursery and Reception

It's been a busy week in the Foundation Stage classes with transition visits on Monday where new children joining the class came for a visit. On Tuesday we took part in the Sports Day races. We think they did a wonderful job completing team relay races with an individual running race as the finale. The children were all very good competitors and I'm sure made all the parents and relatives watching very proud. The Reception children enjoyed watching the theatre production of Oliver Twist and then had a brilliant day with the Year 1's on their day out at Hill End where they climbed trees and explored the forest setting. Back at school the nursery children were able to enjoy a day outside in the shade of the FSU garden. In amongst all of these exciting events the Reception children have been learning all about time, using clocks to make the hour and half hour

and have continued to practise sentence writing. The Nursery children have been consolidating their counting skills through play and have been focusing on fine motor skills, using scissors for cutting and tools for mark making and drawing. We've had a wonderful year as a unit and would like to thank all the parents for their unwavering support.

Year 1 have watched a production of Oliver Twist and taken part in Sports Day. They have been on their final forest school trip to Hill End as well as watching a concert given by all the singers and instrumentalists from school. In class they have been learning about how to keep a pet goldfish by reading a non-fiction book and sketching the plants and creatures that live in our pond. They have started a science & art project by hanging their sewn angelfish in an aquarium and will complete this by adding coral, plants and creatures along with facts about each.

Year 2 had a busy last week full of fun activities. The flower beds outside Year 2 look gorgeous now as the sunflowers that we planted had finally grown and flourished. Children enjoyed creating sunflower pictures using pastels and finishing their Australian animal puppets. This week, Year 2 has also been building bug hotels to create shelter for insects that live in our school playground. In RE, children learnt about Shabbat, the Jewish holy day of rest. Sports day and Oliver Twist play were both greatly enjoyed by Year 2. And last but not least, Year 2 met their new teacher Priya Bountra. Year 2, I will miss teaching you next year, but I wish you all the best!

Year 3 have enjoyed lots of different activities like meeting their new teacher;

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watching a school music concert; taking part in sports day; playing rounders in P.E; playing tennis in the afternoons with Miss Keys and watching a fantastic play of Oliver Twist. Year 3 have been busy this week presenting their PowerPoints on Italy to each other in the class and writing thank you letters to Cogges Manor Farm from the trip last week. They have also been doing multiplication and division questions each morning and using Pobble to write in the afternoons.

Year 4 have begun preparing an ebook to share with you all showing off all their visual work inspired by reading Alice in Wonderland. This has involved photographing and editing all the work, designing the book and importing the pictures. Captions will be added this week. Sports Morning was a great success and there were some hotly contested races and throwing contests. The class showed off their cricket skills in their final lesson with Mrs Green on Thursday, demonstrating a very good understanding of the different ways that a batter can be got out in the game. Year 4 have been busily preparing for the end of the year, reflecting on successes, challenges and highlights as well as getting ready to say goodbye to friends and staff. The class have made some really perceptive and thoughtful comments in the cards they have been writing.

Year 5 have had a busy last week of term; they have welcomed more new students to the class which is lovely and enjoyed getting to know them and becoming friends. Transition morning on Monday was a real success and the class had a great time meeting Mrs Pettitt who will be their teacher in Year 6. Following this they wrote letters to Mrs

Pettitt about themselves and explained about what they are looking forward to and asked questions about next year. On Tuesday they took part in a fabulous sports day full of fun and excitement. There was javelin, jumping and beanbag throwing competitions and of course the traditional sprint race! They showed excellent teamwork throughout cheering on their peers and other classes. Year 5 have been such a fantastic class this year and it has been my pleasure to teach them during the summer term.

Year 6 have been focusing on Leavers assembly next Wednesday. Graduation hats have been made; certificates typed as well as a trip down memory lane. It has been a joy teaching Year 6 this year. The children have all worked so hard and many lovely memories have been created. Good luck year 6 with your next adventure in life.