

St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

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We Let Our Light Shine

May 2022

Dear St Barnabas Families,

We are now in term 5 and we have a busy term ahead. Our Year 6 children will be taking part in the end of Key Stage 2 SATs during the week of the 9th May and we wish all of our pupils good luck. At the end of May, our Year 2 children will also be taking part in national assessments. We are really proud of all of our children and know they will all let their lights shine brightly. The staff also have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for our children, including Taurus class visiting the SS Great Britain.

It is really important that our children are in school learning every day. Our attendance target is 96% and our current figure is 94.8%. Unless your child is too unwell to be in school or has tested positive for Covid-19, they should be in school. The gates open at 8:40 and close at 8:55. Children must arrive during this time to prevent them missing any vital learning time.

At the end of December, Mrs Odle retired and due to restrictions, we were unable to say bye to her properly. She will now be coming into school on Tuesday 10th May to see the children and will be on the playground at 3:15 if families want to come and see her. Thank you for everything you have done for the school Mrs Odle and enjoy your retirement.

Finally, Mrs Fowkes will be retiring at the end of this term. Her last day will be Friday 27th May. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Fowkes for everything she has done for the school and to wish her a happy retirement.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please come and speak with me.

Mrs Debbie Fisher, Headteacher

April 2022 Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all these children who received a Headteacher award in April 2022.

LEO: Tymon, Anaya, Lexi-Mae, Iklas, Yusra, Lulu, Khalifa, Mohamed and Safya.

TAURUS: Amira, Hamse, Ibraheem, Sajida, Salma, Isra, Mercedes, Amira, Elijah and Sozan.

ARIES: Abdul, Masud, Hadeesa, Destiny, Mohammed and Hadi.

SCORPIUS: Abdallah, Souber, Aayah, Rudy, Omar, Basma and Kaylagh.

Learning in Leo Class

Children in Leo class have just begun a new enquiry - How do we move around? During this enquiry, we will be engineers, geographers, and scientists, as we learn how to make moving pictures to create an interactive pop-up book. As the weather warms up, we have been making the most of it by utilising our wonderful outdoor classroom where we have been exploring capacity, place value, and phonics.



Our Green Spaces

We have been busy developing our outside spaces and now have a sensory garden on the decking area.



**Key dates in
Terms 5 and 6
2021-2022**



Monday 9th May until Thursday 12th May: Key Stage 2 SATs for Year 6 pupils.

W/B Monday 16th and 23rd May: Year 2 end of Key Stage 1 assessments

Monday 23rd May: Jail Break Sports event for Scorpius. More information to follow.

Thursday 26th May: Year 2/3 trip to the SS Great Britain.

Friday 27th May: Taurus class assembly

Friday 27th May: Last day of term 5.

Monday 6th June: First day of term 6 for children.

W/B 6th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

W/B 6th June, 13th June and 20th June: Year 4 Multiplication Check

Sunday 3rd July: Focus Sunday at St Agnes Church

Monday 18th July: Pupil reports sent home

Thursday 21st July: Last day of term 6

Learning in Taurus Class

In our enquiry 'What did Brunel do for Great Britain?' we looked at some different bridges around the Bristol area and learnt how they were made. We then had a go at sketching them. We have also been enjoying playing basketball.



Learning in Aries Class

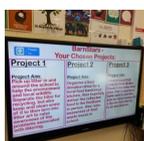
A spot of gardening to kick off the term. Aries worked super hard as a team to pull out the weeds from our beds, ready for planting, which we feel very excited about.

Our enquiry is 'Who stood here before us?' We have enjoyed discussing artefacts from different eras and thinking about what they could be. We talked about which artefacts we thought went back furthest in History and compared them to those that looked more modern, giving justifications for our views too.



Learning in Scorpius Class

Scorpius class have been working hard to begin their Global Action project. They have come up with some great ideas and are looking to organise a food bank in school.



School Uniform

Children must wear school uniform each day. On PE days, the school jumper should still be worn.