

St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

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We Let Our Light Shine

January 2022

Dear St Barnabas Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely break and have returned to school safe and well.

I'd like to thank all of our families for helping to keep our school community safe over the recent months. Due to the increase of Covid-19 cases, I'd strongly encourage families to complete lateral flow tests twice a week to help prevent the spread of the virus. Test kits can be ordered for free at: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please also keep your child at home and get them tested if they are unwell and are displaying Covid symptoms. As a school, staff are continuing to wear face coverings in communal areas and assemblies are being held virtually.

Before the holidays, we had lots to celebrate, including the Leo Class Nativity, Kate Testo's retirement event and the Winter Celebration. It was great to see so many of our families in attendance.



If you have any questions or would like to speak to me, please come and find me on the playground or make an appointment with the office.

Mrs Debbie Fisher, Headteacher

December 2021 Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all these children who received a Headteacher award in December 2021.

LEO: Tasnim, Anaya, Yusra, Iklas, Abdul-Rahman and Sundus.

TAURUS: Elijah, Mercedes, Sozan, Amira, Rukiya and Hamse.

ARIES: Orson, Ghala, A'Nyla and Hadeesa.

SCORPIUS: Basma, Kai, Samia, Abdi-Aziz, Imaan, Adan and the whole class.

Our Learning

As part of their enquiry 'How can we help?' Taurus class have been creating a stop-motion animation about random acts of kindness. The class have worked with children from Scorpius to create their animation and will be composing music to accompany the film. Taurus class have also been mathematician's by visiting a local shop to use real money and check change.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

bristol.gov.uk/coronavirus

#WeAreBristol



If you develop one or more symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Get a test and self-isolate until you get your test result.

**Key dates in
Terms 3 and 4
2021-2022**



Tuesday 4th January: INSET day (school closed to children)

Wednesday 5th January: First day of term 3

Friday 6th January: Taurus and Aries start their swimming lessons

Monday 17th January: Flu jabs for children who have booked one

Friday 18th February: Last day of term 3

Monday 28th February: First day of term 4

Tuesday 8th March: Railway Safety Assembly

Friday 8th April: Last day of term 4

Monday 25th April: First day of term 5

Our Learning

Aries had an amazing end to term 2, where they conducted doorstep interviews with some of the locals that have lived here a long time. They met Winston who grew up in this area and whose first home was bought from Roy Hackett. He had some very interesting stories to share about how the area has changed over time. The children took some quotes from their interviews and created this beautiful artwork to represent Bristol.



Our Learning



As part of their enquiry, "How does my local area change?", children in Leo were working as scientists to answer the question, "Does the wind always blow the same way?" To answer the question, children first made a windsock using materials in the classroom. Then they hung a windsock outside their classroom for them to observe over time. Children were able to take their windsocks home to continue their observations at home.

Our Learning

This week Scorpius class began their 'Move and Learn' project in conjunction with Bristol Rovers Football Club. The project is designed to educate the children in learning more about how to live happy and healthy lives. They will explore: exercise and the effects on their body; nutrition and healthy eating and mindfulness.



Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play sessions will be continuing each Monday after school. They will run from 3:15 until 4:15pm and are an opportunity for families to stay and take part in different activities with their children. **Families do need to stay with their children for these sessions.**