

St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

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We Let Our Light Shine

September 2021

Dear St Barnabas Families,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a lovely summer.

It is wonderful to have the children back in school and we have had a fantastic first week. The children have taken part in lots of fun and exciting activities and it has been great to hear the children learning and letting their lights shine.

To keep our children, families and staff safe, we are continuing to operate some Covid measures. We ask families to socially distance on the playground and to inform the school immediately if their child has Covid symptoms or has tested positive for Covid. In school, we are continuing to hold virtual assemblies and are maximising the use of our outdoor spaces.

It is really important that the children are in school everyday on time. Please ensure your child arrives at school between 8:40 and 8:55. The gates will close at 8:55 and your child will be marked as late after this time. Learning is available from 8:40 and it is important that children are in school to take part in this. We are continuing to just use the East Grove gates.

I am really looking forward to leading the school this year and seeing every single child letting their light shine. If you have any questions, please come and find me.

Mrs Debbie Fisher, Headteacher

July 2021 Headteacher Awards

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

LEO: Yusra, Isra, Majeed, Tymon, Anaya, Alysia, Luqman, Mercedes

TAURUS: Amira, Shaheem, Cali, Hamse, Rukiya, Hadi, Hadeesa, Hadi, Destiny and Abdul

ARIES: Abdallah, Imaan, Rudy, Mahammed, Basma, Kai and Samia.

SCORPIUS: Sadia, Mohamed, Kirsten, Saad, Hassan, Harvey, Khalid, Eli, Awa and Hiba.

Our first celebration assembly of this year will be on Friday 10th September. I'm looking forward to giving out the first certificates of the term!

Our Learning

This week in Aries, the children have spent some time performing poetry. They loved looking at how to have a growth mindset too and how they can have a positive outlook going forward this year. They explored growth mindset through Art and created their own versions of how their brains look when they are thinking positively.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

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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 1 and 2
2021-2022**



Tuesday 19th October: Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Thursday 21st October: Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Friday 22nd October: Last day of term 1

Monday 1st November: INSET day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 2nd November: INSET day (school closed to children)

Wednesday 3rd November: First day of term 2

Friday 17th December: Last day of term 2

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

Wednesday 5th January: First day of term 3

Friday 18th February: Last day of term 3

Please remember to check our school website for other updates and information.

Our Learning

In Taurus Class this week, the children have spent some time getting to know each other and thinking about the school's learning skills. They have been particularly thinking about the value of shine respect and have also been challenging themselves by making a human knot and trying to create a bridge from spaghetti and marshmallows.



School Uniform

It has been great to see most children wearing their school uniform this week and we now need to keep this up all year. The uniform is a white polo shirt, grey or black trousers or skirt and a royal blue sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan. Blue summer dresses can be worn in summer. The school PE kit is a white t-shirt, black or grey shorts or jogging bottoms and a school jumper. Uniform can be purchased via the school website. Please also speak to Mrs Testo or Ms Bruford who may be able to help. **The school uniform/PE kit must be worn each day.**

Our Learning

Leo Class have been enjoying listening to stories, painting leaves, following a recipe and drawing around themselves.



Our Learning

Scorpius class have had a fantastic first week. They have been Philosophers and Artists and have explored the meaning behind their class name.

