



# St Barnabas' School Newsletter



## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been a relatively quiet week on the school events front; however, that does not mean we haven't been very busy. All classes have really got into the swing of their learning in this new term and it is wonderful to see our children starting to rise to the challenges we are providing. On this note, we would like to let you know about the new aspect/dimension to daily school life which we are rolling out next week and would very much like the *whole school community* to join forces in.

This aspect is a **Growth Mindset**.

We are embracing a growth mindset across the whole school in order to bolster motivation, confidence and achievement for all. We are introducing the children to this next week and it will be the **focus of our *Parents' Coffee Afternoon next Friday***. Please do come if you are able to—it will be a great opportunity to meet again as partners.

Catrin Cunnington

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th November— 13:30-15:30 Lord's cricket Y2/Y3 in school.

Wednesday 14th November— 09:15-11:15— Reception & Year 1 Parent Workshops led by Harriet Amos

Wednesday 14th November—Y5&6 Swimming

Wednesday 14th November— 13:30-15:30— Nasal flu immunisation (please make sure you've returned the forms to the office).

*Friday 16th November—Parents' Coffee Afternoon!*

**Tuesday 18th December—KS2 Christmas Performance**

**Wednesday 19th December—EYFS&KS1 Christmas Performance**

**Thursday 20th December— the very first St Barnabas' Christmas Market for all**

Friday 21st December—2:30pm End of Autumn Term

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Attendance:

Congratulations to **Belgravia** who topped the table with a perfect **100%**.

Year 6 - Belgravia	— 100%
Year 3 - Eccleston	— 99.3%
Year 1 - Chelsea	— 98.1%
Reception - Pimlico	— 98%
Year 4 - Knightsbridge	— 97%
Year 5 - Sloane	— 96.4%
Year 2 - Ebury	— 96.1%
Nursery— Ranelagh	— 92%

### Punctuality:

Year 4 —Knightsbridge	—99.5%
Year 5 - Sloane	— 99.1%
Year 2 - Ebury	— 98.9%
Year 1 - Chelsea	— 98.7%
Year 3 - Eccleston	—97.1%
Year 6 - Belgravia	— 98.1%
Reception - Pimlico	— 98%
Nursery - Ranelagh	— 96.7%



**Attendance Matters**  
...every school day counts!

*Please make sure that your child is on time for school every day, as being late seriously affects their learning. Thank you.*



## Star of the Week



This week's stars of the week are as follows:

**Nursery - Safiya    Reception - Dina    Year 1 - Gianluca    Year 2 - Tyanna**  
**Year 3 - Iman    Year 4 - Maria    Year 5 - Asad    Year 6 - Jeniffa**



## Reading Workshop

This Wednesday, 14th, will be the first session of our reading workshop led by Westminster Education Service. The workshop compliments our whole school focus of Reading as a priority. It is a brilliant opportunity for parents to be further supported in:

- How to effectively read with children
- How to develop communication and language skills with children

The classes will continue to run on *Wednesdays from 9:15 to 11:15 in the school hall for 4 weeks.*

If ANY parent is interested we will be able to accommodate you as the skills being taught are applicable to any age - just speak to the Office.

## Our value this term ~ Hope

The value hope is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!

Every class has read and discussed the famous Bible story of Noah's Ark. The character Noah was willing to look silly in front of his neighbours by building a huge boat even though he lived miles from the ocean, because he hoped and believed that God had a plan.



As a family you may want to talk about:

- your hopes and dreams for the future
- what you and others can do to make them happen

## Remembrance

This Sunday, the eleventh of the eleventh, is the 100 year anniversary since the end of World War I.

To commemorate Remembrance Day this year we first of all were led by Fr. John on Wednesday who spoke about a special token he had been given—a soldier's Bible from WWI. We were fascinated and honoured to see such an object. It brought a reality to an event which the vast majority of us were not alive for yet still understand the great importance of. We then listened to 'The Last Post' played beautifully by Louis from a neighbouring secondary school and marked a 2 minute silence.

Yesterday, we all came together in the school hall for a follow up assembly. We talked about WWI, the Great War, and what it meant for those soldiers who fought for our nation. We learnt about the phenomenal work The Royal British Legion do for past and present soldiers.

We support The Royal British Legion in saying Thank You to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

## Diwali

This week, starting on Monday 5th November, it is the festival of Diwali. Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The festival celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness. The word Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word *deepavali*, meaning "rows of lighted lamps". Houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called diyas. People also enjoy fireworks and sweets too, so it's really popular with children. And, to this effect, our children in *Nursery, Reception and Year 1* have made different Diwali treats. They worked well together to create yummy goodies while learning about the importance of this festival for others.

