

St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Autumn Term 2—Week 8



Each week, children who display exemplary learning behaviours are chosen as our **stars of the week**.

This week our stars of the

Reception— Rayan Year 1 - Zemen Year 2 - Haocheng Year 3—Angel Year 4 - Chloe Year 5- Raphael Year 6 - Hannah



week are:

Our value this term is Thankfulness. This week our value stars are: Reception— Jad Year 1 - Kebri Year 2 - Ana Luiza Year 3—Mayson

Year 4 - Kyan

Year 5- Ziya

Year 6 - Zak



This week our attendance statistics are:

Reception - 96% Year 1 - 95.4% Year 2 - 97% Year 3 - 95% Year 4 - 94.6% Year 5 - 97.2% Year 6 - 94% The winning class is: Year 5





Important Dates

8th January—

Return to school from Christmas Break for Spring Term

12th January— Reception visit to Kensington Central Library

15th January— Spring Term Clubs Begin

17th January—Year 5 STEM Challenge

19th January—Year 1 visit to Kensington Central Library

23rd January— Reception and Year 1 Dental Screening













Autumn Term Message from Miss Timms



As we bid farewell to Autumn Term, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared at St Barnabas and St Philip's in the first 15 weeks of our academic year. It has been a time of growth, learning, and unity, and I am truly grateful for the warmth and support that each and every one of you has contributed.

And as we approach the festive season, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones for a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. May this special time be filled with laughter, love, and cherished moments that create lasting memories.

Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Barnabas and St. Philip's. Your involvement and support are the pillars of our success, and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together. Our community's resilience and spirit shine brightly, reminding us of the wonderful bonds we share.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that the upcoming Spring Term holds for us. With renewed energy and a sense of anticipation, let us embark on this new chapter of the academic year.

Together, we will continue to nurture a thriving learning environment where every child can flourish.

Once again, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families. May the holiday season bring you joy, peace, and the company of those you hold dear.





Christmas Home Learning

We encourage you to take some time to make special memories over the Christmas Break. However, we also acknowledge the request from some families to receive home learning.

Please note any home learning set over the Christmas break is not a requirement, but for those of you who wish to complete it please see what is available:

EYFS and KS1

- Access to My Maths
- Access to Oxford Owl (Reading)

Years 3 and 4

- Access to My Maths
- Access to Read Theory

Years 5 and 6

- Access to My Maths
- Access to Read Theory
- Access to SATS Companion
- Fractions Booklet (printed and sent home)

If you need any logins before the break, please speak to your class teacher.

Reception Place Admissions

A reminder that if you have a child who you would like to join us in 2024-25 that the deadline to apply is **Monday 15th January 2024.**

Applications should be made here:

https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/children-and -education/school-admissions/startingprimary-school If you need a paper application form or further guidance, contact the Admissions Team on:

- 020 7745 6432 / 6433 (9am to 2pm Monday to Friday)
- <u>school.admissions@rbkc.gov.uk</u>





Spring Term Clubs

Our Spring Term Club Offer is here!

All clubs:

Starting week commencing 15th January 2024 (Choir

Please note there will be no clubs week commencing the 12th February for half term

Ending week commencing 18th March 2024 bringing the total to 9 sessions for the term.

Clubs will be available to book from Monday 18th December until Friday 12th January. Please note that the Y5/6 Basketball and Y5 Football League events are for the teams that have been chosen only, if your child has been successful in making the team, this will be communicated to you on Friday 15th December for Football and Tuesday 19th December for Basketball.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Leadership team on the school gate.

Spring Term PE Days

For the Spring Term, beginning 8th January, class PE days are as follows:

Reception—Thursday

Year 1—Tuesday

Year 2—Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5—PE and Swimming on

Tuesday

Year 6—Tuesday and Friday

Reception and Year 1 children do 10 minutes daily exercise in addition to their Tuesday PE lesson.

Children should wear their PE kit to school on PE days .





See You Soon Miss Booth!

Further to our announcement to Year 3 parents. We write to the whole school community that it is with mixed emotions that we announce that Miss Booth, who has been an exceptional teacher at SBSP for the past year, has decided to take on an exciting opportunity to teach abroad.

She will be embarking on this journey starting in January and will continue throughout the rest of the academic year.

We wish Miss Booth all the success and fulfilment in her new adventure and thank her for her dedication to our students and our school community. Miss Booth will be returning to us in Septem ber and so it's not goodbye, just **see you soon**.



While we will miss Miss Booth, we are excited to introduce our students to their new teacher for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Farndale, whom many of you already know, is returning from her maternity leave and will be taking over Miss Booth's class.

Mrs. Farndale is a highly experienced educator who has been a part of our school for several years. We are confident that she will provide a warm, nurturing, and engaging environment for your children while ensuring their academic progress.





Donations and School Support

We are incredibly thankful to all the parents/carers who regularly donate to our school community - whether it be through time, bringing in used uniform or books, or through monetary donations.

We would like to bring to your attention several other ways in which you can donate to the school if you are able to: Amazon Wish List : <u>https://amzn.eu/</u><u>gs8jKyz</u>

Easy Fundraising: https:// www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ sbsp/?searchSessionId=fbb5681c-3de9-4b02-813e-cd0fc9f3548b

PSFA General Donation: <u>https://www.pta-</u> events.co.uk/sbsp-psfa/#.Yx8urnbMKUk





Governors Fund 23-24

As you may be aware, we are a voluntary aided Church of England Primary School with approximately 210 pupils. We are devoted to providing our pupils with the best possible learning environment based on decent morals and values, and we are proud to have served our community for over a century.

As a Church of England School, we are required to contribute an annual maintenance fee to the London Diocese Board for School. This fee allows the school to effectively benefit from the LDBS maintenance scheme that provides 90% of the overall cost for approved capital projects including redevelopment of the existing facilities and major refurbishments.

Over the years, our pupils have benefitted from a range of capital projects, including, a new bridge linking two blocks, a fully equipped school kitchen, music room, Computing suite, library, refurbished classrooms, new toilets, a new roof and skylights.

I am sure you will appreciate, it is vital for our pupil's education, that we provide them with the best facilities possible. This can only be achieved through the kind generosity of parents, and though the fee per pupil is voluntary, we ask all parents to contribute £45 per pupil per academic year or such amount, as they are able, in order that our pupils continue to benefit from the LDBS maintenance scheme.

Unfortunately, any shortfall in the overall Governors maintenance fund will have to be taken from the school delegated budget that in turn will mean funds being diverted from other areas of the curriculum.

Contributions can be made via the School Gateway : <u>https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login</u>.

or directly to the Governors fund account: METRO BANK. Sort code: 23-05-80 Account number: 18996065

We appreciate any contributions to this fund.

Term Dates

Please see the <u>Term Date Section</u> on our School Website for the full details of term dates.

Please note that any holidays in term time cannot be authorised.



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