



# St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

## Spring 2—Week 1



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

This week our stars of the week are:

- Reception**— Jad
- Year 1** - Suel
- Year 2** - Antonio
- Year 3**—Bethel
- Year 4** - Mia
- Year 5**- Hana
- Year 6** - Jingzeng

## FEBRUARY

### Important Dates

**26th February**—  
Aim Higher Writing Workshop (Y5/6 Children)

**28th February**—  
Healthy Eating Parent Workshop

**29th February**—  
Year 4/5/6 Workshops with UCL (Floating Houses)

**1st March** —  
Secondary School National Offer Day

**7th March**—World Book Day

**7th/8th March**—  
Waterstones Visits



Our value this term is **'Humility'**.

This week our value stars are:

- Reception**— Yara
- Year 1** - Javell
- Year 2** - Bella Blue
- Year 3**—Sahara
- Year 4** - Kimia
- Year 5**- Alex
- Year 6** - Jake

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day



This week our attendance statistics are:

- Reception** - 95.2%
- Year 1** - 94.1%
- Year 2** - 98.5%
- Year 3** - 98.7%
- Year 4** - 93.6%
- Year 5**- 98.3%
- Year 6**—96.1%

The winning class is:

**Year 3**





# Our Value for This Term Is:

## HUMILITY

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value HUMILITY. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

### TALK TOGETHER about Humility

**Humility** is about trying to think of others before you think about yourself.

At home you could talk about how **humility** is:

- being able to encourage and praise other people when they have done something really well or tried very hard
- listening carefully to others and valuing their opinions as much as our own
- asking for help rather than thinking that we always know what to do and how to do it

### THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"**Humility** is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less."

Anon



### READ TOGETHER...

#### The Roman Centurion

Flavius was a Roman centurion and a powerful man in the town of Capernaum. But Flavius was also a humble man. The Romans had conquered Jesus' country and now everyone had to pay taxes to them and abide by the strict laws that the Romans had passed to govern them.

Now Flavius had a servant, a kind, loyal and hardworking man. Flavius was very fond of him. One day the servant fell ill, the next day he was worse and hardly able to move. The next day, Flavius even thought the servant might die! He was distraught. There is only one chance, thought Flavius. I have heard the people speak of a man called Jesus who is somehow able to heal the sick. Even though I am an important man, I know that Jesus has power that I will never possess.

Without delay, he sent his friends to beg Jesus to come and make his servant well again. Jesus felt very sad when he heard the story and started out for Flavius' house, but before he arrived he was met by some messengers.

"Sir" they said to Jesus, "Flavius has sent us to give you this message, 'I do not deserve to have you come into my house neither do I consider myself worthy to come and meet you. I beg you just give the order and I know my servant will get well!'"

Jesus was amazed at the faith and **humility** that Flavius had shown. "Even my own people do not show faith like this." When the messengers returned they found Flavius and his whole household celebrating because the servant had been miraculously healed.

Bible story based on Matthew 8:5-13



### QUIZ Crack the code

What was special about Flavius?

(clue: the letters of the alphabet have been advanced, so when coded, e becomes g, f becomes h and so on)

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## FAMILY FOCUS

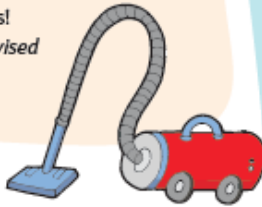
### Making a difference

There are some household jobs that no one really enjoys doing.

- Which is the least popular household job? Who normally ends up doing it? Perhaps different members of the family could take it in turns doing this job for a fortnight!

- Go on a family litter picking walk to help clean up a part of your neighbourhood. Don't forget to wash your hands afterwards!

*Litter picking should be supervised by an adult.*



## FASCINATING FACTS

Have you ever heard the saying to 'eat **humble** pie'?

- When someone 'eats **humble** pie' it means they have to admit to being wrong and sometimes give an apology.
- The phrase has been around for six centuries (600 years)!
- Back in the 15th century the tastier, more expensive cuts of meat were usually only eaten by rich people and were often roasted.
- The offal (liver, kidneys, heart, sweetmeats) was considered poorer quality meat and known as 'umbles'. It needed to be cooked more slowly and was often used in pies.
- The poorer people therefore made Umble Pie. Over time the pie became known as **humble** pie.



## Maundy Money



The name "Maundy" which we use today comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means 'to love and serve'.

Each year on Maundy Thursday churches across the world remember Jesus' last supper with his friends before he died. At this special meal Jesus wanted to show his disciples how they should lead their lives – by serving the needs of others. In those days it was usually the job of the most lowly servant in the household to wash the feet of visitors who had travelled on foot along the dirty, dusty roads. At the last supper, Jesus himself **humbly** took water and a towel and washed the feet of each one of his friends.

In the Middle Ages, English kings and queens followed Jesus' example and washed the feet of beggars, to show that in God's eyes everyone is equal. They also gave gifts and money to the poor.

The monarch carries on this tradition. On Maundy Thursday each year a different cathedral is visited and during a special church service Maundy money is distributed to people who have **humbly** and selflessly served their local communities in practical ways.



## HALL OF FAME

Think of someone in your school community who works behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly. Draw his or her portrait in the frame.

Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



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## Attendance and Punctuality

Please see our guidance below:

In KS1 phonics begins at 9.00am and in KS2 either maths or writing, and this starts your child's day of learning - if they miss this, they miss vital learning.

### Attendance

We consider good attendance to be essential. Children are expected to attend school every day throughout the academic year, unless there is a good reason for absence.

Full attendance is vital for every child's educational progress.

The school regards absences as a very serious concern and there is an overwhelming connection between those pupils who are frequently absent and those who go on to underachieve in their future.

We understand that children have minor illnesses and at times are too sick to attend school.

When your child is absent, please ring the school office on the first day of absence by 8.30am.

### Punctuality

Please can you ensure that your child arrives at school on time. Any child arriving later than 9.00am will be recorded as having arrived at school late.

**Today, you will receive a letter detailing your child's attendance for the first half of the academic year.**

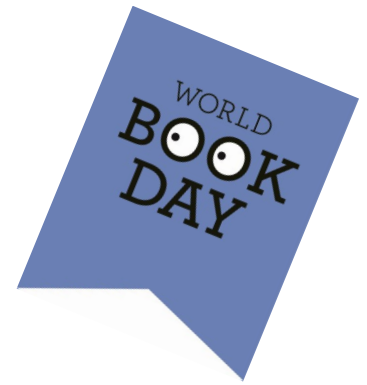
**Anything above 96% is an incredible achievement.**

**However, if you fall below 90% you will be invited to a meeting with Mrs Papalouka to discuss how we can support you and your family, as unfortunately this is Persistent Absence.**





## World Book Day 2024



We are excited to share with you our plans for World Book Day 2024 :

### **Author Workshops -**

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March*

On World Book Day, author **Steve Tasane** – who will be working with each class on creative writing and story telling.

### **Waterstones Book Store Visits -**

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March*

We will be taking each class to Kensington Waterstones to spend their £1 book token. You will receive a gateway consent form for this.

### **World Book Day Day Dress Up -**

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March*

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we are asking children to wear dress up as a character or in the style of their class novel for the half term as below:

### **Reception –**

Growing and Changing Theme –  
Minibeasts and Plants

**Year 1** – Where The Wild Things Are -  
Forest Animals and Forest Themed  
Outfits

**Year 2** – How To Find Gold by Vivienne  
Schwartz – Pirates, Mermaids and Sea  
Creatures

**Year 3** – The Story of Tutankhamun  
by Patricia Cleaveland – Egyptian In-  
spired Outfits

**Year 4** – The Lion and The Unicorn  
and Other Hairy Tales by Jane Ray -  
Amazon Rainforest Creatures and Ex-  
plorers

**Year 5** – Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-  
Boyce - Space Themed Outfits

**Year 6** - A choice of any character  
from a book they have read (in a  
school text) in Year 5 or Year 6





## Parent Workshop—Healthy Eating

### A reminder of the following communication:

We are writing to invite you to an exciting workshop on healthy eating, which will prove extremely beneficial for both you and your children.

The workshop will take place on **Wednesday 28th February at 2.00pm**, and will take place in our school hall.

The objective of the workshop is to provide parents with useful insights and strategies on offering healthy snacks and food to their children. We believe that by involving parents in the process of promoting healthy eating habits, we can encourage positive changes both at home and within the school environment.

As you are aware, healthy eating plays a vital role in nurturing children's overall well-being, development, and academic performance. By equipping parents with the knowledge and tools to make healthier choices in their children's diets, we can collectively contribute to their long-term health and success.

**To deliver this workshop, we have invited Ms Ebony O'Meally, a nutritionist from Change 4 Life. With her expertise and experience, Ms O'Meally will provide valuable insights on the foundations of balanced nutrition, the benefits of incorporating healthier ingredients, and practical tips for creating nutritious meals that appeal to children.**

We strongly encourage all parents to attend this workshop, as it offers a unique opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and ideas on how to make your lives easier while ensuring the well-being of your children. By attending, you will be equipping yourselves with the resources needed to establish healthy eating habits and positively influence your children's relationship with food.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 28th February at 2.00pm for what promises to be an informative and engaging workshop. Together, we can make a positive impact on our children's health and well-being.

Thank you for your continuous support.





## School Church Services

We are delighted to be able to visit both St Barnabas and St Philip's each term.

Our service date for Spring Term 2 are:

**Wednesday 27th March - St Philip's**

We invite all parents/carers to join us for these services, but ask that you join us at the church. Staff are accompanying the children on the walk and having parent's there can sometimes be a little distracting.

All services begin at 9.30am and last approximately 45 minutes.





## 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 :** <https://amzn.eu/gs8jKyz>

**Easy Fundraising:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sbsp/?searchSessionId=ffb5681c-3de9-4b02-813e-cd0fc9f3548b>







## 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 : <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>.

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

We appreciate any contributions to this fund.

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## Term Dates

Please see the [Term Date Section](#) on our School Website for the full details of term dates.

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

