

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

19/01/2024



*'Let your light shine'*

What a week! On Wednesday morning, Kay, our caretaker, entered school and discovered that we had been burgled. The window of our year 4 classroom was smashed, fragments of glass were all over the classroom and iPads from our storage unit were missing. The police arrived quickly, took evidence from the classroom and CCTV footage, and by lunchtime had arrested a suspect and recovered some of the stolen iPads. Our year 4 class had to work in the hall for the day, whilst we ensured the classroom was safe again – the children were absolutely brilliant and took it in all in their stride. Here is the link to the article which appeared in the Warrington Guardian yesterday.

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/24056566.boy-arrested-ipads-stolen-st-barnabas-primary-school-burglary/>

Thank you to all our families for your support.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Miss Hodgkinson

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS OUR AMAZING CHILDREN HAVE **'LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE'** THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL...





## Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery for January 2024.

Please ask the school office for an application form or to make an appointment to look around.

We can also assist with 2 year old funding applications.

If you think you may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare please visit the Childcare Choices website:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/upcoming-changes-to-childcare-support/>

## Staying Safe Online

As part of our devices and technology category, we look to the use of smartphones this week, with a study showing that 69% of under 18s use smartphones to go online or play games on. They are one of the most popular choices used by young people to access the online world. Our e safety guide this week, gives parents and carers hints and tips on everything from passcodes and parental controls to screen time and scams.

## Our Christian Value for this half term is:

*"No one has ever become poor by giving."*

The Diary of Anne Frank

This week we pray for all those who are homeless during this cold weather.

## This week's big question is:

Can compassion occur between enemies?



## JUNIORS PROJECT NIGHT

Do you want to start 2024 trying something new?

Project Zone's next 6-week block starts

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January** for young people age 7-12 years

Sessions are held between 4-8pm and each session lasts between 1-2.5hrs depending on the activity

- Badminton \*6pm
- Baking \*4pm \*6pm
- Basketball \*4pm
- Book club \*4pm
- Boxing \*5pm \*6pm
- Chill & chat \*5pm
- Dance Squad \*4pm
- Feel Good Arts & crafts \*5pm
- Learn the Guitar \*4pm
- Messy Art \*6pm
- Morris dancing \*5pm
- Performing Arts \*5pm
- Podcast \*5pm
- Pokémon arts & crafts \*4pm

\*\*Youth Zone Membership is required (one off £5 payment) then 50p per session \*\*

Book on the Warrington Youth Zone Website or at reception. Limited Spaces available!

For further information email [dawn.dean@wyz.org.uk](mailto:dawn.dean@wyz.org.uk)

## SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important to know these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

### STAY ALERT

Two words look up, it might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or what might be around us. People often walk with their heads down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, such as other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

### DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting your phone down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

### IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

### SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

### REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not scrolling at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your stories or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Southworth is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has supported and empowered over 100,000 young people to protect their online lives. She will be speaking at the National Online Safety Conference on 17th January 2024. She is also a member of the National Online Safety Advisory Board.



[www.nationalonlinesafety.org](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.org) @nationalonlinesafety #WakeUpWednesday

## Dates for your Diary

24.1.24		Curious Critters session for Nursery and Reception children
28.1.24	4pm	Confirmation Service for Y5 & 6 pupils at St Andrew's, Orford.
29.1.24		B Tales Noah's Ark Workshop for Reception children
30.1.24	2 – 3pm	Stay and Play Nursery (start of the week) and Reception
1.2.24	2 – 3pm	Stay and Play Nursery (end of the week)
2.2.24	8:45am	Parent Coffee Morning – EVERYBODY WELCOME
2.2.24		Cyberwise sessions for all KS2 classes
5.2.24 – 9.2.24		Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
6.2.24		Safer Internet Day
5.2.24		Parents' Evening and Starbooks Reading Cafe
7.2.24		Parents' Evening and Starbooks Reading Cafe
9.2.24		School closes for half term
19.2.24		School opens

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
SPRING	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February inclusive	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

Easter Holiday Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 inclusive

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SUMMER	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June inclusive	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

**Closure Days**

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

WARRINGTON WALKING DAY Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

