

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

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'Let your light shine'

Road Safety

We have had a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking. We appreciate how difficult drop off and pick up times can be but we must stress the importance of road safety – this includes safe parking and safe driving.

We have painted yellow zig zag road markings outside school for a very good reason: *the safety of our pupils*. You must not park or stop even for a moment on these markings. Any car stopped or parked in this restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road.

The children may not see approaching cars and approaching motorists may not see the children.

Please do not stop in the middle of the road to let out your children.

Thank you for your support.

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



Staying Safe Online

Our e safety guide this week gives top tips on wearable technology. Smartwatches are becoming a big business with 170 million sold in 2022. They are growing in capacity with many having apps built in. Our guide this week, looks to some of the potential hazards that can be presented with wearable technology, such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and danger of theft.

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS
A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing less than £20. It's a basement tech: it barely fits, has poor resistance to water or battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the manufacturer's safety. These cheap cases of smartwatches being sold are a threat to children's safety. Stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING
Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls, as with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can be called by. On Apple Watches, you can restrict contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches control a very large number of contacts. Some need to connect to a paired phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS
For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny data card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the plan of choice is relayed by software settings. Either way, the cost of an eSIM or monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING
Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond set boundaries. Their SOS function watches children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which also notifies nearby emergency services and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL
Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's 'Do Not Disturb' feature turns their watches into ordinary time-telling devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME
Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed, however, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you should encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION
Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can create a location history, but not creating these can be a hassle. Location history is essential for tracking a smartwatch if it's lost, but it can't be found at home. If you're looking to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that the location history could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'
Smartwatches are often worn by children of parents, which can make you feel like a watching over a child or get in the way. However, your child (or you) may not be able to resist if they're in a situation where you need to track your child's location to track a stolen device, or if they're in a situation where you need to track a stolen device, or if they're in a situation where you need to track a stolen device.

STORE MEDICAL INFO
Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), as well as emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. Their health sensors also have heart rate detection, which sends a text message if it's detected, along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION
If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches can be used as a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they're being inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert
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Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Forgiveness'

"Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against one another, forgiving each other: as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive."

Colossians 3 v 13

This week's prayer: We pray for all who are caring for loved ones.

This week's big question is: How do people show they are sorry?

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/>

Healthy Packed Lunches

If you do opt to send your child to school with a packed lunch, we do encourage to make healthy choices when preparing this: A healthy packed lunch should consist of:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Unrefined starchy food - for example multigrain bread, pasta or rice
- Sources of protein - meat, fish, eggs, beans etc.
- Milk or other dairy foods - i.e. cheese
- A small amount of fat, sugar and salt
- Water, milk or juice

Please be aware that we are a nut free school. We have children at school who have very severe nut allergies and would require medical assistance if they came into contact with nuts. Therefore, please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain any nuts and check ingredients if you are not sure.

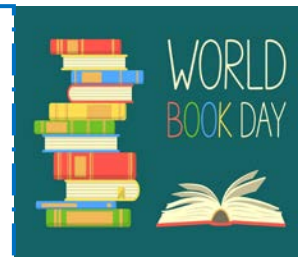
BARCLAYS GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

#LET GIRLS PLAY

On Friday 8th March, our school is participating in the national event, 'The biggest ever football session.' This is for everyone to participate in, but particularly focuses on getting girls interested in playing football, especially after the success of our Lionesses. All children are encouraged to wear a football kit or a sports kit on this day, to celebrate this superb event.

World Book Day

The time has come to celebrate World book day! It will be taking place on Thursday 7th March. We will be engaging in some fun filled activities to celebrate our passions for amazing stories, illustrations and reading for pleasure. Children can come dressed up as a character from their favourite story.



Meet and Greet

Don't forget, if you have any issues in the morning or at the end of the day, a member of staff will be outside for you! We have staff available every morning at each entrance gate – we can help you with any issues you may have, no matter how small. Please come for a chat if you need to.

The Bread and Butter Thing



The Bread and Butter Thing help people on low incomes to eat more healthily. They have mobile food clubs that provide nutritious meals to help people feed their families for free. They have a location – in partnership with WAs Good Neighbours, at Sankey Bridges Community Centre.
Open: 1:30 – 2pm on Tuesdays
Tel: 07860 063304 <https://breadandbutterthing.org>

Are your children registered with a dentist? These dentists are still accepting new patients:

- **Museum Street Dental Practice**
WA1 1JA
01925 630221
Accepting children aged 17 and under
- **Latchford Dental Practice**
WA4 1JJ
01925 655037
Accepting children aged 17 and under

Dates for your Diary	
7.3.24	World Book Day
8.3.24	Biggest Ever Football Session – children can come to school wearing a football/sports team kit/tracksuit or PE kit
8.3.24	Year 5 Fire Safety Session with Cheshire Fire Service
8.3.24	Y3/4 Warrington Wolves Rugby Session
11.3.24 – 15.3.24	British Science Week
13.3.24	Y4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
15.3.24	Comic Relief
15.3.24	Y3/4 Warrington Wolves Rugby Session
20.3.24	Choir performing at the Parr Hall
22.3.24	Y3/4 Warrington Wolves Rugby Session
25.3.24	Easter Performance for Nursery and Reception
25.3.24	Easter Starbooks Café after school – all families welcome
25.3.24 & 26.3.24	Decorated eggs for Easter competition to be brought into school
26.3.24	Flowering of the Cross at St Barnabas Church
26.3.24	EYFS Easter Stay and Play sessions - Nursery (start of the week) Reception (2pm-3pm)
27.3.24	EYFS Easter Stay and Play sessions – Nursery (end of the week) (2pm-3pm)
27.3.24	Easter Service in St Barnabas Church
27.3.24	Decorated egg competition winners announced
27.3.24	B Tales Easter Performance Y1 – Y6
28.3.24	School closes for Easter break
2.4.24 – 5.2.24	Easter holiday club at school
8.4.24	School opens for Summer Term

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

Easter Holiday Friday 29th March to Friday 5th April 2024 inclusive

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
SUMMER	Monday 8 th April to Friday 24 th May	Monday 27 th May to Friday 7 th June inclusive	Monday 10 th June to Friday 19 th July
Closure Days	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 6 th May 2024 WARRINGTON WALKING DAY Friday 28 th June 2024		

Easter Holiday Activity Club (April 2024)

The Easter Holiday Club is open to all children from Reception to Year 6 and will take place 10am to 2pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd April
Wednesday 3rd April
Thursday 4th April
Friday 5th April

The club is free to all children eligible for income based free school meals or pupil premium (not the universal free meals) – please speak to the school office if you are unsure.

All other children can book places for £6 per day. This price includes all snacks, drinks and lunch. Fees can be paid in cash or by bank transfer to Warrington Youth Zone.

Children will take part in lots of fun activities including forest schools, team building, treasure hunts, den building, arts & crafts and baking.

Please complete the form below to indicate which sessions you wish to book for your child. You will need to complete a separate form for each child.

<https://forms.office.com/e/F4Z1us6yNb>

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



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Easter 'Egg-stravaganza' Raffle

Monday 25th March 2024

1 st Prize	Easter Chocolate Treats Hamper
2 nd Prize	Arts and Crafts Hamper
3 rd Prize	Gorgeous Homeware Bundle
4 th Prize	1 adult & 1 child season ticket for Warrington Wolves
5 th Prize	Cuddly Sheepdog Puppy and Accessories
6 th Prize	Monster Snap Morph Robot and Track Toy
7 th Prize	Blue Power Ranger Figure
8 th Prize	Children's Backpack, Lunch Box & Water Bottle
9 th Prize	Champneys Mini Toiletries Set
10 th Prize	Ladies and Gents Toiletry Bags with Toiletries
11 th Prize	3 Tickets for the Jungle Play Centre
12 th Prize	Mini Chocolate Bundle
13 th Prize	£10 Bubbles Play Centre Voucher

Tickets on Sale Now! Only 25p each or £1 per book

