

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

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'Let your light shine'

Save the date...the Summer Fair is returning!

I am very pleased to tell you that our Summer Fair is returning and will be taking place at 1:30pm on Friday 5th July. Families and members of our local community are invited to come to school and join us for a fun packed afternoon – there will be delicious cakes, ice creams and lots of tasty refreshments for sale, games, competitions, face painting, sports, a raffle with great prizes and lots, lots more. Make sure you save the date and join us for an afternoon of family fun on **Friday 5th July**.

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...



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.

Staying Safe Online

This week's e safety guide focuses on online safety, particularly shopping apps. Long gone are the days where eBay and Amazon are the only platforms to buy from. The rise in other shopping apps has made purchasing clothes, gadgets and other goods really simple. As accessible and convenient as these apps are, they still run the risk of scammers, data breaches and online safety concerns. Our guide offers advice on how to use these sites so that your money and information stay safe.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Courage'

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says 'I'll try again tomorrow.'"

Mary Anne Radmacher

This week's prayer: We pray for all who are living in countries affected by conflict.

This week's big question is: Why do people do things that are dangerous?

Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery for April 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/>

Road Safety

We have had a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parkin. 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.

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to clarify or missing items, but if there's been between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed seller it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been received. Scammers can also contact the user and payment outside of the app, where the user is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually added on to third parties for marketing purposes. Sadly, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using app data to track their members' activities – but often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items using misleading pictures or clever wording. These dangerous sales are sometimes aided by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of buying at high-end brands for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if a product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially those in case-of-living crises) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not be able to read that description when used. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shrewd traders use clever wording and comments to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app in which they found them to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow a link to a website. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package a tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at @Cyberware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: <https://www.nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps>

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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.



The Bread and Butter Thing helps 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>



PROJECT ZONE

JUNIORS

4-5:00pm – Disney arts & crafts
 4-5:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing
 4-5:00pm – Learn the Keyboard
 4-5:00pm – Girls only football
 4-5:00pm – Karaoke
 4-5:30pm – Card & gift making
 4-5:00pm – Pokemon Club
 4-5:00pm – Hairstyling

5-6:00pm – Origami
 5-6:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing
 5-6:00pm – Rollerskating
 5-6:00pm – Lego
 5-6:00pm – Gaming
 5:30-7pm – Card & gift making

6-7:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing
 6-7:00pm – Animal arts & crafts
 6-7:00pm – Chess
 6-7:00pm – Rollerskating
 6-7:00pm – Boxing

MIXED – JUNIORS & SENIORS

4-5:00pm – Dance Squad
 4-5:00pm – Morris Dancing
 5-6:00pm – Pokemon Cards – Show & Trade
 5-7:30pm – Performing Arts

SENIORS

5-6:30pm – Song writing
 6-8:00pm – Dungeons & Dragons
 6:30-8pm – Music Jam session – Beginners welcome
 7-8:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing
 7-8:00pm – Boxing
 7-8:00pm – Young leaders catch up (chill & chat)

WARRINGTON



An OnSide Youth Zone



ST BARNABAS CHURCH

SPRING FAIR

Saturday April 27th

12- 3pm

in church

Stalls include:

Tombola Cakes Bric a Brac
 Raffle Gifts Jigsaws & Books
 Poke a Pot Jewellery Refreshments.

Everyone Welcome



Starting Sunday 31st March for 6 weeks
 Project Zone runs every Sunday evening.
 Members must book online.

	Dates for your diary
Wednesday 1 st May	Reception bikeability session
Thursday 2 nd May	Y1 bikeability session
Friday 3 rd May	8:45am Parent Coffee morning
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 13 th May – Friday 17 th May	Christian Aid Week
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Wednesday 15 th May	KS2 Music Workshops
Thursday 16 th May	KS2 Music Workshops
Monday 20 th May	Y5/6 Bikeability sessions
Tuesday 21 st May	Y5/6 Bikeability sessions
Friday 24 th May	School closes for Whit break
Monday 10 th June	School opens
Tuesday 11 th June	St Barnabas Day
Friday 14 th June	8:45am Parent coffee morning
Wednesday 19 th June – Friday 21 st June	Y6 Residential at Forest Camp Activity Centre
Tuesday 25 th June	2pm New starters meeting
Wednesday 26 th June	Y1 trip to Sky Garden
Wednesday 26 th June	6pm Summer Concert – Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 families invited
Thursday 27 th June	Paris Olympic Games Day at Orford Hub – KS2
Friday 28 th June	Warrington Walking Day – school closed
Monday 1 st July – Friday 12 th July	Health and Lifestyle Fortnight
Tuesday 2 nd July	Sports Day KS2 – morning Reception & KS1 - afternoon
Tuesday 2 nd July	4:45pm Children’s University Awards Ceremony at St Elphin’s Church
Wednesday 3 rd July and Thursday 4 th July	Y6 high school transition days – all Warrington high schools
Friday 5 th July	8:45am Parent coffee morning
Monday 8 th July	Y4 trip to Warrington Museum
Tuesday 9 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th & Thursday 11 th July	First Aid sessions for all classes
Thursday 11 th July	Y5 trip to Safety Central
Thursday 11 th July	6pm Y6 Leavers’ Party
Monday 15 th July	Y5 adventure day at Forest Camp Activity Centre
Wednesday 17 th July	2pm Y6 Leavers’ Service
Friday 19 th July	Summer Fun Day!
Friday 19 th July	School closes for summer break
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens for Autumn term

