

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

14/06/2024



'Let your light shine'

It has been the most difficult week in our school, following the news of our beautiful Zeelan's tragic death. Our school community is praying for Zeelan's family and friends and we will do everything we can to support them at this most difficult time. Our children were told in an age appropriate way on Monday and I have been overwhelmed with their sensitivity, kindness, maturity and compassion. Many of our children have spent the week helping those who knew Zeelan best, making beautiful cards and pictures and writing poems for Zeelan and her family.

Zeelan's tragic death will have such a tremendous impact on us all and we want to come together to provide the best possible support for our St Barnabas community.

We will support the children, and you as our families, as we move forward, going at their pace. The main thing is for us to be emotionally present with our children, to be there to listen and we will also focus on hearing and answering their questions as factually as we are able.

I thank you for your support and for your sensitivity and patience as we navigate this challenging time together. Please contact me if there is anything at all you need.

Miss Hodgkinson

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





Summer Raffle



Draw Date: 8th July 2024

- 1st Prize Air Fryer and Slow Cooker Bundle
- 2nd Prize Knowsley Safari Park – Family Ticket
- 3rd Prize Gulliver's World – 2 Tickets
- 4th Prize Gulliver's World – 2 Tickets
- 5th Prize Superheroes Play Bundle
- 6th Prize Dinosaur Hamper
- 7th Prize Summer Fun Hamper
- 8th Prize Cuddly Toy and The Jungle Tickets
- 9th Prize Cupcake Books
- 10th Prize Unicorn Toy
- 11th Prize Sanctuary Gift Set and Candle
- 12th Prize Mug and Teddy Bear

Tickets are just 25p each or £1 per book
On Sale Now!



Staying Safe Online

As the Euros are just around the corner, children will be inspired to take part in competition. Our guide this week gives parents and educators hints and tips in how to support healthy and friendly competition whether that be off line or online. We want all our children to enjoy playing games responsibly and in ways that have positive effects on their mental health.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators Fair Play and Friendly Competition

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

- 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Parents, teachers and teachers should try to model fair play and sportsmanship. Children learn by observing adult behaviour. Encourage them to be fair and respectful to their opponents. Encourage them to be fair to their opponents. Encourage them to be fair to their opponents.
- 2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME**
Encourage children to focus on giving it all, rather than being too concerned with the result. This helps to grow a growth mindset and encourages children to be resilient. It also reduces the pressure to 'win at all costs' which can be a source of stress and anxiety.
- 3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS**
Establish clear expectations and boundaries for behaviour on and off the sports field. Encourage children to be respectful to their opponents and to be fair to their opponents. Encourage them to be fair to their opponents.
- 4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION**
Celebrate the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Encourage children to be fair to their opponents and to be fair to their opponents.
- 5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT**
Help children to understand that they don't win every game. Encourage them to be fair to their opponents and to be fair to their opponents.
- 6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION**
Provide an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their ability. Encourage children to be fair to their opponents and to be fair to their opponents.
- 7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS**
Encourage children to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully. Encourage them to be fair to their opponents and to be fair to their opponents.
- 8 TEACH RESPECT**
Encourage children to respect the importance of respect. Encourage them to be fair to their opponents and to be fair to their opponents.
- 9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK**
Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement. Encourage children to be fair to their opponents and to be fair to their opponents.
- 10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**
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Meet Our Expert
Cristina Hodges is a PE specialist based in Birmingham. Having worked across all levels of education, she has seen the benefits of sport and physical activity for all children. She is passionate about the impact of sport on children's mental health and well-being. She is a regular speaker at conferences and events. She is a regular speaker at conferences and events.

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

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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.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Perseverance'

This week we pray for Zeelan. We pray for her family who are consumed with overwhelming grief. We pray they find strength and comfort. Please guide them through their pain and help all in our school community to try our best to light up the darkness with love and compassion.

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial."
James 1:2

This week's big question is: What does it mean to keep going?



We are holding a Summer Concert at 6pm on Wednesday 26th June, 2024.

All our children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 are taking part - it is a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their talents and the skills they have been learning in music and creative arts lessons this year. There will be singing, poetry and music played on a range of instruments.

Tickets are free – we have allocated 2 tickets per family. Tickets will be available to collect from the member of staff on the KS2 gate in the morning/after school from Friday 14th June.

Children must return to school at 5:30pm, wearing their school uniform and school shoes. The doors will open for parents at 5:30pm and refreshments will be on sale before the performance starts.

Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

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



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 WA5 Good Neighbours, at Sankey Bridges Community Centre.

Open: 1:30 – 2pm on Tuesdays
Tel: 07860 063304 <https://breadandbutterthing.org>



Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink through the day. Drinking water throughout the day keeps children's brains hydrated and helps them to learn well. Only water is allowed in these bottles, as drinking juice throughout the day causes tooth decay. Children can drink juice with their dinner. If any children persist in bringing juice in their water bottles, parents will be contacted.

This half term is the busiest ever, with so many trips, activities and special events taking place – please make sure you check the diary dates each week.

Dates for your diary	
Tuesday 18 th June	Y1 road safety session
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 – Friday 5 th July	Book Fair in school
Monday 1 st July – Friday 12 th July	Health and Lifestyle Fortnight
Tuesday 2 nd July	Sports Day Reception: 9am Year 3 & 4: 10am Year 1 & 2: 11:20am Year 5 & 6: 2pm
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
Friday 5 th July	1:30pm Summer Fair
Monday 8 th July	Y4 trip to Warrington Museum
Tuesday 9 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 9 th July (afternoon)	Y2 story time trip to Warrington Museum
Wednesday 10 th July	Y2 trip to the Sky Garden
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
Friday 12 th July	Y5 Discovery Day at St Gregory's High School
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

