St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter



04/10/2024

'Let your light shine'

I can't believe we only have two weeks left in school until half term - the weeks have just flown by! I am really looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to school for our first parents' evening of the year on **Monday 14th** and **Wednesday 16th October**. You will have the opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into their new class, their attainment, progress and wellbeing and look at their work. Appointments are 5 minutes long and if you would like longer than this to discuss anything, please make another appointment – staff are always happy to see you at any time – please don't try to extend your appointment as it makes all the other parents after you run late! We are also holding our popular Starbooks Reading Café in the hall, so please drop in for a brew and a cake before or after your appointment. There will be lots of staff there who can chat to you about fun ways to encourage your child to read at home. I am extremely proud of all our children and how hard they have worked this half term and I know teachers are really looking forward to sharing your children's achievements with you.

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...



Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Hope'

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

Desmond Tutu

This week we pray for those who are forced to leave their homes due to conflict. We pray for your safety.

This week's big question:

Does it make any difference to how you feel about yourself, to how hopeful you are?

BE ON TIME!

School starts: 8:40am

Children must be in before 8:50 or they will be marked LATE

Thank you

Year 5 raised £94.45 for Christian Aid in their cake sale last week. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Starting reception class

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they are due to start reception class in September 2025.

You will need to apply for a place here:

https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions

Staying Safe Online

Our guide this week focuses on online gaming and in particular the ingame chat function. This can be a really useful function when playing with friends, however it poses dangers to children of all ages. This is because children could be contacted by strangers. The guide this week gives tips and advice on issues that can arise and how we can safeguard our children using this technology.



Attending school on time every day is the best way to ensure your children's future success. Children with good attendance achieve much better in school and go on to get better jobs than those with poor attendance. The government expects all children's attendance to be at least 96%.

Here is our class and whole school attendance for last week:

Class	Attendance
YR	99.2%
Y1	100%
Y2	98.4%
Y3	100%
Y4	95.2%
Y5	98%
Y6	98%
Whole School	98.4%

An amazing week for Y1 and Y3 who achieved 100%. Our overall school attendance is above 96%, which means less lost learning time. Well done to all the children who achieved 96% or better.

Local Authority Attendance Update

The Local Authority will now be issuing fines (fixed term penalty notices) for parents who take children on holidays during term time. The link below will take you to the LA webpage containing information about penalty notices:

School attendance | warrington.gov.uk

Playtime Snacks

We exercise lead to positive mental and physical health. Part of this is to educate our children to eat as healthily as possible, as this contributes to future success. The only snacks we allow at playtimes are toast or fruit, these can be brought in from home or toast can be purchased via ParentPay. Thank you for your support. We are a healthy school and constantly reinforce with our children that healthy eating and regular exercise lead to positive mental and physical health.

Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink throught 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 or with their lunch. If any children persist in bringing juice in their water bottles, parents will be contacted.

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 and afternoon 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.

Nut Allergy

Our school is a **nut free zone** as we have children in school with severe allergies. Please do not send any food in packed lunches containing nuts or traces of nuts, including chocolate spread. Thank you.

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 WA5 Good Neighbours, at Sankey Bridges Community Centre. Open: 1:30 – 2pm on Tuesdays Tel: 07860 063304

https://breadandbutterthing.org

Parents' Evening

Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October 3:30 - 6pm

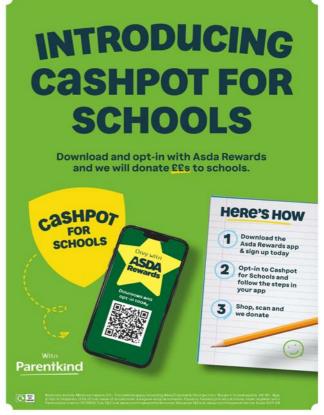
You will have the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher about how well they have settled into their new class and their attainment, progress and wellbeing. Bookings should be made on the school website:

https://parents.schoolspider.co.uk/auth/login

Our popular Starbooks Reading Café will be available in the school hall, serving free drinks and snacks; in addition you will be able to visit the Book Fair and there will be a range of services including the Mental Health Support Team, dental nurse and vaccinations team available to speak to.







Dates for your Diary 2024 - 2025	
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term break
Monday 28 th October	School opens
Friday 20 th December at 1:30pm	School closes for Christmas break
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term break
Monday 24 th February	School opens
Friday 11 th April	School closes for Easter break
Tuesday 22 nd April	School opens
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for half term break
Monday 9 th June	School opens
Friday 27 th June	Warrington Walking Day (school closed)
Friday 18 th July	School closes for summer break

Dates for your Diary Autumn Half Term 1	
Tuesday 8 th October	1:30 – 3pm Open afternoon for families of children starting
	school in September 2025
Tuesday 8 th October	Y1 trip to Warrington Museum
Friday 11 th October	Reception trip to Delamere Forest
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th October	Book Fair in the school hall after school
Monday 14 th & Wednesday 16 th October	Parents' Evenings for all classes and Starbooks Reading Cafe
Tuesday 15 th October	Y4 trip to Liverpool World Museum
Wednesday 16 th October	Trip to Waterstones for winners of reading golden tickets
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 28 th October	School opens