St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter



06/12/2024

'Let your light shine'

I cannot believe we only have 2 weeks left in school until the Christmas holidays! Advent is one of my favourite times of year in school – there are so many exciting things happening – children are busy preparing for our Nativity play, Reindeer Run and Christingle Service and staff are working tirelessly to plan so many exciting and memorable experiences for our children including Christmas Wonderland trips, parties and Elf Day. In the midst of all the rush, it's really important to stop and remind ourselves what we're really preparing for - the birth of Jesus, light of the world who brings hope, peace, love and joy. I'm really proud that our children are working hard to spread to joy to others this Christmastime by raising lots of money for St Rocco's Hospice and other local charities, our Y6 class singing to elderly residents in the community and Warrington Hospital and all our children finding ways to cheer others up and spread kindness.

Have a lovely weekend everyone...19 more sleeps!

Miss Hodgkinson

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



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-schooladmissions

BE ON TIME!

School starts: 8:40am

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

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

Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery for January 2025.

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.

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	94%
Y1	99%
Y2	96%
Y3	97%
Y4	97%
Y5	98%
Y6	96%
Whole School	96.7%

An amazing week for Y1 who achieved **99%** and an excellent week overall, with almost all classes achieving 96% or higher. Our overall school attendance is **96.7%, which means less lost learning time.** Well done to all the children who achieved 96% or better.

Staying Safe Online

Our message this week centres on the rise on mental health awareness. Due to this, there has become a rise in the access to readily available apps, designed to support mental health. It can be difficult to know exactly where risks can lie with apps that are designed to help, so our guide this week gives advice on safeguarding children in case they ever come into contact with certain apps.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Martin Luther King, Jr.

This week we pray for all those who are homeless.

This week's big question:

What can we gain from justice?





Grand Christmas Raffle

17th December 2024

Tickets are just 25p each or £1 per book

1st Prize	Christmas Treats Hamper
2 nd Príze	Indulgent Pamper basket
3 rd Príze	K'nex and Lego Technics Bundle
4 th Príze	Handbag and Jewellery Hamper
5 th Príze	Card Wallet and Michael Kors Purse
6 th Príze	Children's Games Bundle
7th Prize	Fire Truck Playset and Action Figures
8 th Príze	Christmas Books and Mug Hamper
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Many other prizes including ...

*Doll and plush toy Bundle * Jigsaw Bundle * Crystal Creations Craft Set * Men's Fragrance Set * Slippers and Bye Mask Glift Sets* Air Fragrance Diffuser * Touch gloves and a Power Bank* Christmas Hand soap and Lotion * Christmas Craft Sets x 2* Candle and Diffuser *Cosy Night in Treats Gift Set*

Tickets on sale now on ParentPay or from the Office

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.





St Barnabas Christmas Holiday Activity Club

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January 10am to 2pm

Our Christmas Holiday Club will be run by Dawn and Lauren from St Joseph's Family Centre (you may remember them from previous clubs).

There is a new way to book places this year so Dawn will be around next Tuesday & Wednesday to register your interest and the following week to help you make your booking.

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to ...



Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7 Nhs.uk/mental-health



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

Papyrus-uk.org



Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

Samaritans.org



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days week on 0800 414 8247



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

Giveusashout.org



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Watsapp 0800 585858

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.



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OPEN DAYS & TOURS AVAILABLE

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St Barnabas Countdown to Christmas

Our children have worked incredibly hard this term and let their light shine in many different ways. We have many plans in school to make the last 2 weeks of term exciting, magical and memorable as countdown to Christmas. I thought you would like some more information about all the events that will be taking place over before the end of term.



Tuesday 10 th December	3:15pm Starbooks Christmas Café.
rucsudy 10 December	All families welcome. Pick up children at 3:10pm then come into the Starbooks Café through the main entrance. No
	charge.
	Warm drinks and snacks, Christmas reading activities and a Christmas wreath trail for families to enjoy.
	'Elfridges Shop will be open selling cute Christmas gifts
hursday 12 th December	9:15am Y2 Nativity performance
marsady 12 December	All Y2 families invited to watch
	Drop children off at the classroom, hall will open at 9am for parents
	Refreshments served
Thursday 12th December	1 – 1:45pm Little Movers Nursery Family Christmas Party.
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	2 – 2:45pm Little Movers Reception Family Christmas Party.
	Reception families invited
riday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run
riday 25 December	Children will take part in the Reindeer Run to raise money for St Rocco's.
	Reception and KS1 children can come to school wearing their disco clothes with a Christmas jumper if they wish
	KS2 children come to school wearing their Christmas jumper with school uniform.
	Christmas jumpers are optional
	Reindeer Run sponsor forms and money to be returned to school by 13 th December
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Discos:
, 25 255525.	3:15 – 4:30pm Reception & Ks1 £4 per child (party bag included)
	4:45 – 6:00pm KS2 £3 per child. Children can bring money with them to spend in the tuckshop
Monday 16 th December	9:15am Y4 Keyboard Concert
violiday 20 December	parents/carers invited
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Wonderland Trip
	Reception, Y1 & Y2 – NO CHARGE
	Coach will return to school at 3:45pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner for Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y4 and Y5
	All children in school will get Christmas dinner free of charge, including those who are not eligible for free school
	meals. Classes not having Christmas dinner on this day will have the normal lunch menu
Tuesday 17 th December	3:40pm Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church
racoady 17 December	All families invited
	ick your child up from school at 3:10pm and go to St Barnabas Church for the Christingle service
Wednesday 18th	Christmas Dinner for Y2, Y3 and Y6
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Wednesday 18th	Christmas Party Day!
December	Children should come to school wearing their party clothes
	All party food is provided by school
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Extravaganza trip to the Children's Adventure Farm Trust.
marsaay 15 December	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
	Children come to school wearing warm, comfortable clothes. Lunch is provided at the farm.
	£4 per child, payable on ParentPay
Friday 20 th December	Elf Day!
Triday 20 December	Children can come to school wearing own clothes/pyjamas/dressed as an elf for a day of fun and games!
	All children's names entered in a special Christmas prize draw
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens
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