# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter



20/01/2023

'Let your light shine'

#### We are an 'Excellent' school

I hope you have managed to read the letter I sent earlier this week containing the results of our recent SIAMS inspection. We achieved the highest grade possible - Excellent in all areas - a brilliant achievement for our school and one that is not achieved by many schools nationally. The report commented on our wonderful ethos, outstanding pastoral care, creative and innovative ways we support our community, commitment to excellence, outstanding behaviour and extremely high standards of work of our pupils to name but a few. Please take a moment to read the report - it is an incredible achievement for everyone in our school community and couldn't have been achieved without our amazing children, dedicated staff team and highly supportive parents. A true indication of how by working together, everyone can 'let their light shine.' We have now been asked to 'let our light shine' outside our school and help and support others. This week we have already welcomed children and staff from other schools across Warrington in to our class based worship sessions, in order for them to learn from our excellent practice.

Team St Barnabas is truly amazing – I couldn't be more proud of everyone.

## Letting our Light Shine

Because of our Christian vision, we try our best to live out our Christian values in everything we do. Here are some examples of our children 'letting their light shine' in school this week.







Y6 have been using their knowledge of geographical skills to work out distance on a map.



Bike marking task completed before school... mini police supporting our local community



Year 3 have really enjoyed learning about programming, using Scratch in their computing lessons



#### Staying Safe Online

Our e-safety message this week focuses on social media platforms, particularly Twitter. It is widely used across the world for people to share opinions about various issues and trends. Since Elon Musk acquired Twitter, there have been several major developments and this week's guide gives tips on potential risks such as trolls, bullying, fixation on view count and interaction with strangers.



### <u>Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III - Extra</u> Bank Holiday

The Government has announced a one-off bank holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. School will be closed on this day.

#### **Happy Chinese New Year**

A very happy lunar new year to our friends and families. Wishing you great happiness and prosperity.



#### Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## 'Thankfulness'

"When eating a fruit, think of the person who planted the tree."

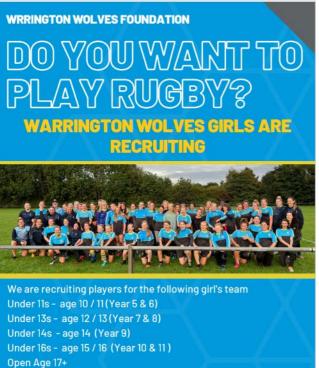
#### Vietnamese Proverb

This week we pray to give thanks for our food and pray for all the children in the world who do not have enough eat each day.

#### This week's big question is:

What opportunities do I have that I am thankful for?

Dates for your Diary	
24.1.23	Reception and Year 6 class photos
26.1.23	Year 3 Winter Warmer trip day1
27.1.23	Year Winter Warmer trip day 2
27.1.23	Holocaust Memorial Day
30.1.23 – 3.2.23	National Story Telling Week
	(activities taking place for EYFS children)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	2 – 3pm Nursery parents invited into school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2 – 3pm Nursery and reception parents invited into school
	(more information to be sent out via Class Dojo)
1.2.23	Teacher Strike – see separate letter for class closures
6.2.23 – 10.2.23	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
6.2.23 – 10.2.23	Schools' Football Week
7.2.23	KS2 first aid sessions
13.2.23	Parents' Evening
15.2.23	Parents' Evening
17.2.23	School closes for half term



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

STAY FIT - MAKE NEW FRIENDS - HAVE FUN

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