

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

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'Let your light shine'

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:

'Wisdom'

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning."

This week we pray for all those who have lost loved ones.

This week's big question is:

Can wisdom mean different things to different people.

Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

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



Staying Safe Online

Our e safety message this week, is for our parent and carers. Black Friday has only ever existed on high streets, however in recent years, this and its sister, Cyber Monday, are now appearing across every major retailer's website. It is ideal to be able to take advantage of some online bargains for this time of year. Our guide this week though, gives hints and tips to protect ourselves against risks such as cybercriminals, so that we can keep our money safe and still enjoy the spectacular sales.

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, it was our surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unsuspecting buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE
Before registering sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site is secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the site begins with 'https://'. The 's' indicates that the website has been secured with an SSL certificate. Without this, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS
If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (the design is poor) or it looks like a pop-up advert or it looks like a scam. If a site serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy, it's better to walk away. Minimize risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS
Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your bank statements for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online, they're happy that any extra money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payment you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS
Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, or criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for phishing attempts. Even if it seems legitimate, be wary of emails requesting you to do something unusual or suspicious, preventing your personal details to be leaked or for you to be sent to a less reputable dealer, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL
It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – allowing them to then advertise 'discounts' (which, in reality, have largely restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these 'discounts' truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS
Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-game and digital game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS
A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD
Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers more protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a lot of chance of your bank reimbursing you. Debit cards, however, are linked to your bank account, so any fraudulent purchases will be taken from your account immediately – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE
Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicize deals that aren't quite as convincing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying based on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting misleading links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, subtly advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert
Carly Piller is an experienced technology journalist with a strong background in IT security. She's been writing about technology for over 10 years and has been a regular contributor to various tech publications.

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Christmas Raffle

12th December 2023

Tickets 25p each or £1 per book

1st Prize Massive Toy Hamper

2nd Prize Christmas Treat Hamper

3rd Prize Harry Potter Bundle

Plus, many more prizes...

*Ladies and Gents After Shave and Perfume Sets * Evening Bag and Earrings * Hand Bag, Necklace and Hairbrush * Ivory and Hart Slipper Set * Cosy Christmas Hamper * Pamper Sleigh * Candle and Toiletries Set * 2 Framed Pictures * Star Wars Bundle * Lynx and Imperial Leather Sets * Christmas Craft Sets * Christmas Craft Sets * Christmas Craft Sets * Quality Street + Biscuits Bundle *



ELVES ON SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

£3 EACH



COMING SOON

A POP-UP POCKET MONEY CHRISTMAS SHOP



Dates for your diary	
Friday 1 st December	Parent Coffee Morning 8:45 – 10am
Monday 11 th December	Christmas Stay and Play for nursery and reception families, 2pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Starbooks Café, 3:15pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Stay and Play for nursery families, 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	Y2 Nativity Performance, 9:30am
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner – Reception and Y1
Thursday 14 th December	Keyboard Concert 1:30pm Year 4 Families welcome
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner – Y2
Friday 15 th December	Elf Run and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Disco: 3:15 – 4:30pm Reception & KS1 4:45 – 6pm KS2
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner – Y3 & Y4
Monday 18 th December	Reindeer Visit
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 19 th December	Donkey Visit
Tuesday 19 th December	3:30pm Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day!
Thursday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas break at 1:30pm
Monday 8 th January	School opens

School Term Dates 2023 - 2024	
Thursday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas break at 1:30pm
Monday 8 th January	School opens
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 th February	School opens
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Easter break
Monday 8 th April	School opens
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 10 th June	School opens
Friday 28 th June	Warrington Walking Day – school closed
Friday 19 th July	School closes for Summer break



FEED THE FAMILY FOR A FIVER

Are you on a tight budget and wanting to find clever ways to shop for a bargain and reduce your food bills? Are you wanting to create wholesome meals for the family without breaking the bank? If so, then look no further as this is the perfect course for you!

On this exciting new course, you will learn all about how to shop for a bargain, with a focus on getting the best offers and being careful with the ingredients you select. You will also learn how to create beautiful meals for the whole family using a slow cooker.

If you attend all of the sessions, you will even receive a fantastic new slow cooker as a FREE* gift, enabling you to put into practice all you have learned on the course!

Location:

Warrington campus, Winwick Road, Warrington WA2 8QA

Start Dates:

17th November 2023, 12th January 2024, 23rd February 2024

Duration: 5 weeks

Day(s): Friday

Fee: FREE*

FREE SLOW COOKER!*



To be eligible for this course, you must be 19 years or older as of 31st August 2023. You will also need to live within a Warrington postcode.

To find out more, visit wvr.ac.uk,
or to enrol on this course, please call
01925 494 400.

*Terms & conditions apply.



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ADULT COLLEGE



We are supporting the Christmas with good neighbours' appeal. If you would like to help, please send any gifts you have into school. Your help is very much appreciated.

