

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

28/03/2024



*'Let your light shine'*

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another term, though I must say everyone in school – children and staff – have worked so hard they are all ready for a break! Our children have demonstrated what confident performers they are this term, with excellent poetry recitals in school, readings in church and an exceptional performance in the PAN Concert at the Parr Hall. Many of our children have also represented the school in sporting competitions including rugby, netball and gymnastics competing against many other schools and demonstrating not only excellent sporting ability, with many wins, but great encouragement of others. Well done St Barnabas superstars. I hope you all have a blessed Easter and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Happy Easter 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:

### *'Forgiveness'*

"Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive."  
Colossians 3 vs 13

**This week's prayer:** We pray for all those who are homeless and alone.

**This week's big question is:** Why would God allow evil in our world?

## Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

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





## Is your child vaccinated against measles?

The Living Well Bus, will be visiting St Barnabas Primary School on the **10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 10:30- 16:00.**

The Living Well Bus provides a range of services including all routine immunisations such as the MMR vaccine.

As you may be aware, there is currently a measles outbreak in the West Midlands and the individuals that are most affected are those who are not vaccinated. The free MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, as well as mumps and rubella. Having two doses of the MMR vaccine at the right time (dose 1 from 12 months, and dose 2 from 3 years 4 months) is the best way to protect your child and help prevent the spread of measles, especially to those most vulnerable.

Having the Living Well Bus onsite provides the opportunity for the MMR vaccine to be accessed if your child is not vaccinated against measles.

The service operates on a fully drop-in basis with no appointment necessary. You will be required to be present with your child in order for consent to be provided on the day with the clinician. Additionally, vaccine records can be checked by the clinicians on the bus if you are unsure of your child's vaccination status.

In addition to providing routine immunisations, the bus is also providing physical health checks for parents and carers which includes:

- Blood pressure and pulse check
- Cholesterol check
- Blood glucose check
- BMI check

You are invited to drop into the bus at any time between 10:30 and 4pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The bus will be situated on the school carpark.

Working parents of 2-year-old children are now able to apply for 15 hours of free childcare.

## Am I eligible?

You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £167 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).

## When can my child start?

Your child can start in their childcare place the term after they are eligible and have received a valid eligibility code, whichever is later. Term start dates are 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

To keep your 15 hours childcare place, you need to check your details are up to date every 3 months.

To apply for a code please visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

## PROJECT ZONE

### JUNIORS

4:50:00pm – Disney arts & crafts  
4:50:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing  
4:50:00pm – Learn the Keyboard  
4:50:00pm – Girls only football  
4:50:00pm – Karaoke  
4:50:00pm – Card & gift making  
4:50:00pm – Pokemon Club  
4:50:00pm – Hairstyling

5:6:00pm – Origami  
5:6:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing  
5:6:00pm – Rollerskating  
5:6:00pm – Lego  
5:6:00pm – Gaming  
5:30-7pm – Card & gift making

6:7:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing  
6:7:00pm – Animal arts & crafts  
6:7:00pm – Chess  
6:7:00pm – Rollerskating  
6:7:00pm – Boxing

### MIXED – JUNIORS & SENIORS

4:50:00pm – Dance Squad  
4:50:00pm – Morris Dancing  
5:6:00pm – Pokemon Cards – Show & Trade  
5:7:30pm – Performing Arts

### SENIORS

5:6:30pm – Song writing  
6:8:00pm – Dungeons & Dragons  
6:30-8pm – Music Jam session – Beginners welcome  
7:8:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing  
7:8:00pm – Boxing  
7:8:00pm – Young leaders catch up (chill & chat)



**Starting Sunday 31st March for 6 weeks**  
**Project Zone runs every Sunday evening.**  
**Members must book online.**

## Easter Holiday Activity Club (April 2024)

The Easter Holiday Club is open to all children from Reception to Year 6 and will take place 10am to 2pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd April  
Wednesday 3rd April  
Thursday 4th April  
Friday 5th April

The club is free to all children eligible for income based free school meals or pupil premium (not the universal free meals) – please speak to the school office if you are unsure.

All other children can book places for £6 per day. This price includes all snacks, drinks and lunch. Fees can be paid in cash or by bank transfer to Warrington Youth Zone.

Children will take part in lots of fun activities including forest schools, team building, treasure hunts, den building, arts & crafts and baking.

Please complete the form below to indicate which sessions you wish to book for your child. You will need to complete a separate form for each child.

<https://forms.office.com/e/F4Z1us6yNb>

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## The Bread and Butter Thing

**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 W5 Good Neighbours, at Sankey Bridges Community Centre.

Open: 1:30 – 2pm on Tuesdays

Tel: 07860 063304

<https://breadandbutterthing.org>



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formally delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit [www.thenationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, offering eye-catching content over credibility. This is particularly dangerous for younger audiences, who are generally more susceptible to this type of content. A child could be presented with false news, misleading information, or even worse, a phishing site or malware, which could cause them to lose their identity or be scammed.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be a harmless article, could actually contain inappropriate or even sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who may be misled into viewing and why it's harmful.

#### HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to lure you into a website, some clickbait is designed to lure you into a website that contains additional malware, some of which may be designed to steal your personal information, such as your name, address, email address, or even your credit card details. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who may be misled into viewing and why it's harmful.

#### PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait tends to allow which could give a child into volunteering their personal data – asking for their name, email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for receiving additional content or discounts to various services. Normally, this information is then sold to third parties, who often use it for targeted advertising and other sales schemes.

#### A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spending time on a young person's screen, which could result in a young person spending hours scrolling endlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, stressed and lacking focus – and in the long term, could negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

#### IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is presented with, they may be more likely to engage in risky behaviour, such as downloading malware, or they may be more likely to engage in risky behaviour, such as downloading malware, or they may be more likely to engage in risky behaviour, such as downloading malware.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they can protect themselves with critical thinking. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being targeted by clickbait headlines.

#### PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensationalist headlines and to go to the source of the information will help them to become more discerning – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

#### SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numerous links, such as "10 facts you won't believe are true". Some clickbait headlines are also designed to be "clickable", meaning they will often contain a link to a website that is not the source of the information. It's important to be aware of these telltale signs, as they can help you to spot clickbait before it's too late.

#### TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage and control the content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

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## Staying Safe Online

This week's e safety message focuses on Clickbait. We have all seen on the Internet headlines such as, "You won't believe these 10 crazy facts about..." As fascinating as they can sometimes seem, they are ways of luring people in to sharing personal information. Our guide this week gives hints and tips about the various risks and how we can protect ourselves.



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