

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

22/09/2023



*'Let your light shine'*

Our generous pupils...

This half term we are thinking about generosity and our children really demonstrate their understanding of this value through their actions in school. So many of our children regularly give their time generously to help others at breaks and lunchtimes in school and by taking on one of the many leadership roles that enable to our children to make a positive difference within our community. I am constantly inspired by our children's knowledge of world issues and their determination to make a difference. Something our children are really passionate about is supporting a range of charities and next Friday, they will be holding a cake sale in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support – please support our children in their efforts to raise as much money as possible if you can.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson

**LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE: HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS WE HAVE LET OUR LIGHT SHINE THIS WEEK...**



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

***'Generosity'***

**"Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out."**

**Frank A Clark**

**This week we pray for all those affected by food poverty around the world.**

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

**Do you have to be in a certain mood to be generous?**

**Cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Delicious cakes will be on sale in school

Please show your support by sending in cakes to sell or a donation.

Thank you





*Start and Finish Times*

School opens at 8:40am and all children should be in school by 8:45am. Gates are locked at 8:50am and anyone who arrives after this time will need to enter via the school office and be marked as late. At the end of the day, doors open at 3:10pm and all children should be collected by 3:15pm. Being just a few minutes late each day adds up to days of lost learning over a year - BE ON TIME!

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All National Online Safety advice is based on improving parents' careers and trusted adults with the information to build informed conversation about children's digital safety. However, we realise that many apps which are beloved by trusted adults should remain off limits. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guidance, facts and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

...MSG ME...

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**16+**

In UK and Europe,  
most are over 18

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It can send ANY type of message - it only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients (not even WhatsApp itself) can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently as the UK Criminal Justice Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messages. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

## EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious emergency. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp), call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

## FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of sharing means it is often shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat this, WhatsApp has introduced misinformation messages, forwarded messages with times on the top how long they have been on the app how long they've been forwarded and a red double checkmark icon. This makes users aware of the time taken for the news to be received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

## Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution. They need to consider if something, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they never consent to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages, setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to groups. You should also ensure you give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'All My Contacts' except... Additionally, if your child doesn't use live location sharing, make sure they adjust enable this option only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's not – and it's too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider if the content they might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe if you get to know what's going on. You can also talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has seen and view once content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Patterson is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and online safety policies for schools. She has authored several papers and co-edited our research for the Australian government concerning internet use and working behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Dates for your Diary Autumn Half Term 1	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Jigsaw Festival at St Elphin's Church – all families welcome
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photos
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Visit from poet Matt Goodfellow
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9:10m Bible presentation for new Reception pupils in St Barnabas Church – parents/carers of reception pupils invited, followed by cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Research.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9am Harvest Worship led by Y5 Parents of Y5 invited
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9am Reading workshop for parents of reception and Y1 children
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisations for reception to Y6 pupils (consent required from parents)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Movie Night after school
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception trip to Delamere Forest
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery Stay and Play
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October & Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evenings for all classes
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term

School Term Dates 2023 - 2024	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School opens
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes for Christmas break
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter break
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday – school closed
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Warrington Walking Day – school closed
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer break

