

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

17/10/2023



'Let your light shine'

This week has seen many more examples of our excellent pupil ambassadors developing their leadership skills to help others and make a difference in our community. This week is Anti-Bullying Week and our team of wellbeing ambassadors presented to the school and led activities for our children to take part in about friendship. Yesterday the members of our school parliament worked together with other schools and local councillors to develop ideas to improve the environment and raise awareness of climate change. Our school MPs represented St Barnabas brilliantly and the real MPs were extremely impressed with their passion and confidence in public speaking. Yes, more examples of our talented children letting their light shine.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson



Wellbeing Warriors leading their anti-bullying presentation



Members of our School Parliament

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'

"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."
Proverbs 3:7

This week we pray for children around the world living in hardship and poverty.

This week's big question is:
Can we ever know everything?

**S2 Safeguarding
Standard**

Another award!

We have achieved yet another award. This week we have received our certificate for the **Safeguarding Standard**, which we have achieved for our outstanding systems for safeguarding, and behaviour. The assessor was incredibly impressed with the way our children support and look after each other, their exemplary behaviour and leadership skills.



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

This week our e safety message centres around devices. In recent years Smart TVs have become very popular, offering features beyond normal TVs. One such feature is connecting to the Internet and interacting with streaming services. This increased functionality can bring increased dangers such as threats to privacy and security. As TV is such a cornerstone of our lives, our guide this week suggests hints and tips to enjoy TV stress free.

Confirmation Classes

We will be running Confirmation Classes for children in year 5 and 6 after school every Tuesday from 3:15 until 4:15 starting on Tuesday 14th November, in preparation for the Confirmation Service on Sunday 28th January.

St Barnabas Primary School

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...

ON SALE NOW!



St. Barnabas Church

Christmas Fair



In Church

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 18th.

Opening

12-3pm

Lots of stalls including– Tombola & Children's Tombola, Christmas & Gift Stall, Raffle, Cakes, Jams & Chutneys, Poke a Pot & Refreshments & of course Santa will be with us.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe to need adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nos.org.uk for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV, set itself from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content screening for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could end up watching content that is not suitable for their age, including strong language and violence.
- INCONVENIENT SECURITY**
As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.
- A SILENT SPY?**
Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to spy on users in their homes. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**
Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.
- REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL**
Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the account, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.
- INCREASED SCREEN TIME**
The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- MAKE IT A FAMILY THING**
Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.
- SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS**
It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchases, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.
- CREATE CHILD PROFILES**
Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.
- CONSIDER THE LOCATION**
If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert
Only 19 years, this award-winning technology journalist has a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of TechRadar, she now writes for a number of leading technology journals, editors and commentators.

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Dates for your diary	
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Saturday 18 th November	12 – 3pm Christmas Fair at St Barnabas Church – everyone welcome
Thursday 7 th December	Y2 Nativity
Tuesday 19 th December	3:30pm Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church
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

