

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

01/12/2023



Christmas is coming...

I cannot believe we are already in December; this term is just flying by! The next three weeks are going to be even busier than usual, so I thought it would be useful to fill this week's newsletter with dates, times and other important information about some of the exciting Christmas activities we have planned...

Tuesday 12th December – Starbooks Reading Cafe

Back due to popular demand, our Starbooks Reading Café is returning on **Tuesday 12th December** from **3:15 – 4:30pm**. Come along and spend time in our cosy Christmas café which is packed full of free, delicious refreshments and activities. If your child attends an after-school club, come along when you pick them up at 4:15pm. Our amazing Christmas shop 'Elf-ridges' will also be opening its door so you can have a look at the fantastic items on sale.

Y2 Nativity

I am very excited to watch our Y2 children performing their nativity play on **Thursday 14th December** at **9:30am**. All Y2 families are invited – please bring along as many family members as you would like to, to share in this special event with our Y2 children. Refreshments will be available before and after the performance.

Christmas Lunch

As a thank you to all our children for working so hard and letting their light shine this term, **we will be buying Christmas lunch for ALL our children**. All children who would like Christmas lunch will get it free, including those children who usually bring sandwiches. Our Christmas lunches are a real celebration, each class gets a day in our dining hall all to themselves, to eat their lunch on a specially decorated table, with crackers, Christmas music and table service from me!

Christmas Lunch Days:

Thursday 14th December – Nursery, Reception & Y1

Friday 15th December – Y2

Monday 18th December – Y3 & 4

Tuesday 19th December – Nursery, Y5 & Y6

Christmas Jumper Day and Elf Run

On Friday 15th December, children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper, to take part in our Elf Run to raise money for St Rocco's.

Disco Time!

All children are invited to join us at our Christmas discos for dancing, games, tasty food and drink, prizes and lots more!

Tickets for sale on Parent Pay.

Friday 15th December - EYFS and KS1: 3:15 – 4:30pm

KS2: 4:45 - 6pm

Special visitors

The reindeer and donkeys enjoyed their visit to St Barnabas so much last year they are returning to see our children again on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December. They will be available for parents to see after school.

Christingle Service

You are warmly invited to join us at 3:40pm on **Tuesday 19th December** in **St Barnabas Church**.

Christmas Party Day

Party day is Wednesday 20th December – children can come to school wearing their party clothes ready to enjoy an afternoon of fun games, dancing, party food, presents and perhaps even a special visitor....

These are just a few of the activities we have in store! As you can see, Christmas is going to be a very busy and exciting time at St Barnabas!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson



Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Wisdom'

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."

James 3:17

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

This week's big question is:

What makes us wise?

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/>



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.



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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Staying Safe Online

Roblox has been an extremely popular game for many years. It offers children a huge amount of creative freedom, where they can create their own studio levels. These can be shared with other players online. Our guide this week, gives hints and tips on the potential hazards, such as in app purchasing and contact with strangers.



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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 *



Dates for your diary

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 – Nursery, Reception and Y1
Thursday 14 th December	Y4 Keyboard Concert – Y4 Parents/carers welcome 1:30pm
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 Nursery, 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

