

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

15/12/2023



'Let your light shine'

On Tuesday 19th December, we are holding our Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church. The Christingle Service is a joyful celebration, led by our children that bring families and our community together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. Traditionally the service involves oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on top. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- ❖ The orange represents the world
- ❖ The red ribbon symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- ❖ The sweets and dried fruit represent God's creations
- ❖ The lit candle represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness

Our St Barnabas children were really concerned about the environmental impact of using oranges for the Christingle, due to the fact they are transported a long way and there is also a lot of food waste, so they decided to use small cakes, which are homemade or produced in the UK instead. So, our Christingles are very special 'courageous' Christingles, created by our children to reduce waste and global emissions.

All families are warmly invited to the Christingle service – it starts at **3:30pm** on **Tuesday 19th December**, so please come and join us in **St Barnabas Church** with your children when you have picked them up after school. Our donkey visitors will also be joining us outside church to mark this special occasion.

Elf day is coming!

The naughty elf is still on the loose in St Barnabas...this week she has even tried to pull over our Christmas tree! The children and I have decided that in order to make sure the elf returns safely to Father Christmas in the North Pole, we are going to have an Elf Day on the last day of term (Thursday 21st Dec.) We are going to do the sorts of things elves love to do, such as drink hot chocolate, eat cookies and watch a Christmas film. Children can bring their own elf to school to help say goodbye to our elf and wear elf colours, dress up as an elf or wear their own clothes to school.

Let's hope our elf doesn't make too much mischief before then!

Have a lovely weekend everyone...

Miss Hodgkinson





Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Wisdom'

**"For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth
come knowledge and understanding."**

Proverbs 2:6

**This week we pray for all those who are homeless this
winter.**

This week's big question:

Is knowledge power?

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/>

Are your children registered with a dentist?

These dentists are still accepting new patients:

- **Museum Street Dental Practice**

WA1 1JA

01925 630221

Accepting children aged 17 and under

- **Latchford Dental Practice**

WA4 1JJ

01925 655037

Accepting children aged 17 and under

Is your child due to start school in September 2024?

Please read the important information below.

First Admission to Primary School – Reception 2024

If your child was born between 01.09.19 – 31.08.2020 you need to apply for a primary school place for September 2024.

Apply online at www.warrington.gov.uk/schools-primary-admissions

If you need help with the application, our office team will be happy to help.

The deadline is 15.1.24



Staying Safe Online

Our online safety guide this week gives us all hints and tips to be able to enjoy a tech free Christmas. We all know technology plays a huge part in our lives, but our guide gives handy help and advice on how we can implement a few of these tips; to enable everyone to make the most of the festive season and celebrations.



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.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold informed conversations about online safety with their children, should they need it. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tools and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season – Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmas gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy relaxing those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALING

Get down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parceling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your sleep count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minda Ahead designs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities in engineering to teachers and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.

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**SKILLS
FOR LIFE**
MULTIPLY

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**](http://wvr.ac.uk), or to enrol on this course, please call **01925 494 400**.



**Warrington
& Vale Royal
College**

ADULT COLLEGE

*Terms & conditions apply.



AGES 7-19
6 Week Bookable
Sessions

PROJECT ZONE



WHAT IS PROJECT ZONE?

Project zone is our innovative and exciting programme where young people can gain confidence, skills and develop in a structured session. Project Zone runs every Sunday evening and is an opportunity for young people have a more tailored session.

We are dedicated to delivering enriching learning experiences through a range of projects that inspires and educates.



EVERY SUNDAY

Projects run for 1 hour
between 4.00-8.00pm
for 6 weeks.
£3.00 per project
(all sessions)



All young people must be a member.

Join at :

www.warringtonyouthzone.org/membership

All sessions must be booked on advance:
www.warringtonyouthzone.org/project-zone

SPORTS INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING
PODCAST STUDIO **DANCE & DRAMA**
MUSIC **MULTIMEDIA** **GYM**
ARTS, CRAFTS & FASHION FOOTBALL PITCH
HEALTH & BEAUTY RESTAURANT & KITCHEN



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AGES 7-19
50p
PER SESSION

SPRING BOARD



ACCESSIBILITY AT YOUTH ZONE

Warrington Youth Zone have developed a model of working that takes into consideration any barriers that may prevent young people from joining in with activities and working to remove those barriers wherever possible.

We believe this approach should be inclusive of all abilities yet specific enough to cater for each individual.



EVERY SUNDAY

11AM - 3PM
Quiet Sessions
Low Lighting
Trained Staff



Cafe & Tuck Shop
Open 7 Days a Week

Hot Meals £1

SENSORY PLAY **ARTS & CRAFTS**
ROLLER SKATING **MUSIC** **BAKING**
SPORTS **GYM** **MARTIAL ARTS**
INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING **QUIET PLAY**
MULTIMEDIA **DANCE & DRAMA**



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