

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

14/01/2022



'Let your light shine'

Message from Miss Hodgkinson

Learning is in full swing at St Barnabas – our children are already working their socks off and it's like we've never been away! Many aspects of our lives are very tricky again at the moment due to COVID and it is possible it will cause disruption to our staffing over the coming weeks and months. We will do everything we possibly can to minimise the disruption for our children and keep everyone at school and learning, and we thank you for your patience and ongoing support should something change for a short while in your child's class.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Letting our light shine

Because of our Christian vision, we try our best to live out our Christian values in everything we do.

Our KS1 reading ambassadors have worked hard to create a cosy reading area for their friends to spend time in. Our new 'Book Nook' includes fantastic fiction and non-fiction books, cuddly toys and comfy cushions and blankets to snuggle up with.



The children in KS1 are really excited and cannot wait to start using their new reading space.

Children have been exploring their class values during our termly values day, I am so proud to see them living out the values in their actions, and way they treat others every day.



Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality is vital for your child's future success. All our children have missed enough through the pandemic and now it's even more important than ever that all children attend school every day on time.

All children should be in school by **8:45am**.

Please remember:

90% in a test is good but 90% attendance in your child's life = 1 year missed at school!

10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year

1 day absence every week = 2 months lost learning each year

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 full days of school lost

Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 full weeks of school lost

Arriving 30 minutes late every day adds up to 19 full days of school lost

If your child's attendance drops below 95% or your child is late 3 times during a 2-week period, you will be contacted by a member of our welfare team to support you in improving their attendance/punctuality.

Every minute counts towards your child's future success.

Our Christian value for this half term is:

'Courage'

"Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

This week we pray for: those who are hit with grief and suffering the loss of a loved one

This week's big question is:

What is courage? What does courage look like?

Here are some of the inspiring comments and ideas from our children:

"Courage is being brave."

"Courage is working with your worries."

"Having courage can mean happiness."



Bike Marking Event – Friday 21st January

Has your child had a new bike for Christmas? Our mini police will be running a bike-marking event on Friday 21st January – this will deter theft as your bike will be less attractive as a theft target. It will also register your bike on a secure online database, which all UK Police Forces have access to, meaning that if your bike is ever stolen, you are much more likely to get it back.

Children are invited to bring their bikes to school on Friday 21st January to make them more secure.

Starting School

If your child is due to start school in September you need to apply for a primary school place by Monday 17.1.22.

You can apply online at:

www.warrington.gov.uk/schools

If you need any help with the application, please contact school and we will be happy to help, but hurry, the deadline is Monday!

Staying Safe Online

This week's e-safety message is about an artificial intelligence platform called Replika. It is rated 17+, so is completely inappropriate for any of our children. Always be aware of what the children are on. Here is the logo of what it looks like:



Replika

Keeping each other safe

All of our KS2 pupils have been learning important lifesaving skills in their first aid training sessions. The training provided the opportunity for our children to learn hands on first aid techniques and explore how to respond to emergency first aid situations from burns, choking, bleeding, CPR and the Recovery position.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 25th January

Monday 7th – Friday 11th February

Tuesday 8th February

Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th February

Friday 18th February

Reception and Y6 Class Photos

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Safer Internet Day

Parents' Evening

School closes for half term

