

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

11/02/2022



'Let your light shine'

## Message from Miss Hodgkinson

Another week, another award!

This week we have been awarded the prestigious Basic Skills Quality Mark for the work we do in school to ensure our children make excellent progress in communication, reading, writing and maths. The assessor was extremely impressed with the quality of teaching, processes in place to track children's attainment and support we offer to those who need a little bit of extra help. She also spoke with our children and was extremely impressed with their confidence and high standards of work. Well done to our amazing children, staff and families! This award will sit alongside many other awards our school has achieved including for French, PE, the Arts and Global Neighbours.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson



## Letting our light shine

Because of our Christian vision, we always try to find the courage to take on new challenges and to support our friends with their challenges and worries too.



## Children's Mental Health Week

This week is national 'Children's Mental Health Week.' We always focus on our children's mental health and well-being, but this week we have been promoting this with a range of exciting workshops and visitors, and have had a focus on our children's mental health and well-being in school. The theme this year is 'growing together' and our children have had the opportunity to take part in lots of exciting sessions focussing on strategies that promote positivity and well-being, including yoga, curious critters and growth gardening. Miss Carr's dog, Walter, even visited our children too! Our pupil safety team also led an assembly about staying safe online – they did a fantastic job!



## Film Night

Thank you to the Reading Ambassadors for organising a fantastic film night. We managed to raise almost £300! Those funds will go directly back to the children, with our author visit.



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

*'Courage'*

"If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed."

David Viscott

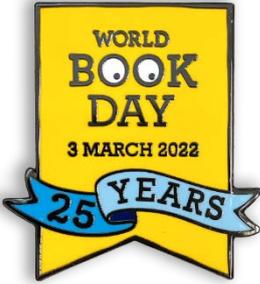
**This week we pray for:** those who are suffering with their mental health

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

Is it ok to be scared?

**World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and this year marks its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We will be celebrating by having a fun-packed day at school, full of exciting book themed activities. Children (and staff) can come to school dressed as a book character if they wish.



Sunday School takes place every Sunday at

St Barnabas Church

- all children over 4 years old are welcome.

Time: 10:30 - 11:15

Parents can stay for the session or drop children off.

**Jewellery**

A quick reminder that the only jewellery pupils are allowed to wear to school are stud earrings (no hoops or dangling earrings) and a watch. No other jewellery is allowed for safety reasons, any pupils who arrive at school wearing any other items of jewellery will be asked to remove them and they will be stored by the teacher until home time.

**Staying Safe Online**

This week's message links with children's mental health week. Young people need to learn to take care of their minds as well as their bodies. Many things can damage the ways children feel and think. One in five children struggle with their mental health, but there are simple things we can do, finding the right words to say, to help someone who is having a difficult time. Please share the guide with your children, as it suggests useful ways they can check in with their friends.



**Dates for your diary**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents' Evenings: Nursery: Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Reception: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Year 1: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb Year 2: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb Year 3: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb Year 4: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Year 5: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb Year 6: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children who are members of Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies can come to school in their uniform to celebrate Founders' Day
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School opens for Spring Half Term 2
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Comic Relief

