

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

01/04/2022



'Let your light shine'

Message from Miss Hodgkinson

I can't believe this will be our final newsletter before the Easter break – what a busy term it has been at St Barnabas. During the last week alone we have had children letting their light shine in so many different ways, from participating in gymnastics competitions, training to become anti-bullying ambassadors, helping to take care of our local area and helping the police. That's not to mention to amazing progress and effort in their learning. Every day I see so many examples of incredible acts of kindness, superb effort and determination and high standards of work around our school. Last Friday we welcomed Mr Thorpe, who is Deputy Director for Education for Liverpool Diocese to our school – he toured the school, visited classrooms and spoke at length with our children. He commented on the exemplary behaviour and high levels of respect among our pupils, who demonstrate our Christian vision in so many different ways. Our children have so many things to be proud of and celebrate at the end of this term.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Year 5 need your help...

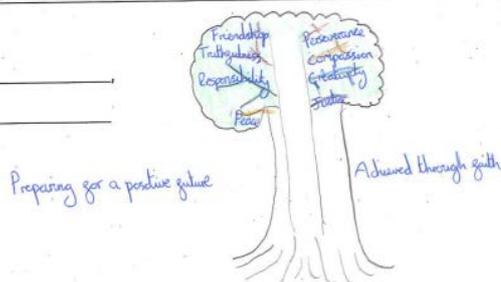
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Dear Warrington Guardian Readers

Our school is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year. We would love to hear any memories that you may have about our school, especially the opening back in 1972. We would also love you to share any photographs or other records of the school with us. It would really help us to look back and truly celebrate the history of our amazing school. Your memories will help us to compare our school to the one you remember. It would also be wonderful if you share any events that happened with us, such as the River of Life, the True Teens, the Olympics or when the Queen opened Jubilee Hub. Please send any photo's, memories or items to our school address, email the school office at info@stbarnabas-primery@sch.warrington.gov.uk or text us on @StBarnabasCesSch.

Thank you for helping us with our school's celebration, we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully
The children of St Barnabas



Gymnastics Superstars

Our key stage 2 pupils took part in their first gymnastics competitions this week – they were fantastic. Even though they didn't win, they were commended by the judges for their outstanding behaviour and encouragement of one another – "letting your light shine."

Be on time!

Being on time to school, every day is really important. Children who are late miss vital learning and are picking up bad habits that could affect their future employability. Being just a few minutes late each day builds up to large amounts of lost learning over a school year.

Minutes late per day	Days of lost learning in a year
5 minutes	3 ½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 days

Please make sure your child is in school by 8:45am EVERY DAY ready to learn.

Our Christian value for this half term is:

'Peace'

"Blessed be the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

Matthew 5:9

This week we pray for all who are affected by war and conflict. We pray peace will return soon.

This week's big question is:

Why do people get angry?

How can they control this feeling?



Easter Holiday Club

Our popular holiday club is back from the Easter holidays running on the following days:

- Monday 11th April 10am – 2pm
- Tuesday 12th April 10am – 2pm
- Wednesday 13th April 10am – 2pm
- Thursday 14th April 10am – 2pm

There is a wide range of exciting activities for children to choose from each day including den building, archery, forest school, baking, sports and even circus skills! Children will also receive lunch and snacks every day. Club is free for children of families eligible for free school meals and £10 per day for other children. Forms have been sent out via Class Dojo.

Staying Safe Online

This week's e safety message focuses on Facebook, which has recently been taken over by Meta. It is the world's most popular social media site. To have an account, you should be 13 or over, but there is no age verification, so children of any age could set up an account. The poster this week gives hints and tips to help us use Facebook responsibly.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FACEBOOK
 With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account. It's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

ADICTIVE NATURE
 Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be highly addictive. Encourages and increases FOMO (The Fear of Missing Out), which leads to people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves endlessly scrolling through content.

CYBERBULLYING
 A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in four 12-15 year olds had been cyberbullied or trolled (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger), hurtful comments on their profiles and posts, pages or groups set up purposely to torment a victim or exclusion from pages or groups.

FUTURE IMPACT
 Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent digital footprint. This can have future consequences for young people: many universities and employers, for example, now review someone's Facebook timeline during the application process.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
 Just like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 35% of 12-15 year olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include individuals seeking to take advantage or impersonate youngsters.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE
 In the settings area, you can choose whether a Facebook profile is public or private. By for the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only be seen by people who they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as contact details, school name, date of birth) from appearing publicly.

ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING
 Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

LEAD BY EXAMPLE
 Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same rules that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

SAVVY SHARING
 Make sure your child realises that what they share online with friends can end up being shared again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and who they share it with. Facebook's 'Audience Selector' gives users the option to limit who sees what they are sharing, whenever a status is updated or photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES
 Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space to discuss social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

BLOCK AND REPORT
 On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

Meet Our Expert
 Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.

National Online Safety
 #WakeUpWednesday

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EASTER RAFFLE

Draw Date 4th April 2022



Only 25p per ticket/
£1 per book



- 1st Prize Easter Chocolate Hamper
- 2nd Prize Pamper Hamper
- 3rd Prize Children's Hamper
- 4th Prize Yankee Candle Gift Set
- 5th Prize Children's Money Box and Shower Gels
- 6th Prize Large Easter Egg
- 7th Prize Candle Set
- 8th Prize Bath Gift Set



Easter Fun

It is our annual egg decorating competition next week. Eggs should be brought to school on Tuesday 5th April. There will be an egg for all entries and a delicious prize for the winner from each class.

Have fun decorating everyone!

Dates for you diary

Tuesday 5 th April	Decorated eggs to be brought to school for Decorated Egg Competition
Wednesday 6 th April	Easter Service in St Barnabas Church
Thursday 7 th April	School Closes for Easter Break
Tuesday 19 th April	School opens for the Summer Term
Thursday 28 th April	Y4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May	KS2 SATs Week

