

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

06/05/2022



'Let your light shine'

We are getting closer and closer to our 50th anniversary celebrations and the excitement is rising in school! Even though we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of St Barnabas being in our current school building, the school originally opened long before in 1889 on the corner of Bostock Street (where the park is situated now). We have an enthusiastic group of St Barnabas historians from year 5, who have been researching the early history of St Barnabas School during their history after school club. They have examined a range of sources of evidence and learned that when the school originally opened there were only two classrooms, with about 200 children in each one, the toilets were outside and children weren't allowed to smile! I think they are all quite thankful to be in school now! Our enthusiastic St B historians will be sharing their findings in our celebration worship service, taking place on 19th May.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson

Parking Issues

We are currently experiencing some parking issues on Collin Street. The issues are being caused by construction workers, who are currently based on the hospital site. We have made the hospital and the council aware of the issue and expect it to be resolved soon. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

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:

'Service'

This week our prayer was written by former pupils, Holli and Harri Stone who have written this beautiful prayer to say thank you for our school:

Dear God,

You gave us place to make us feel safe,
You gave us teachers and staff who work to make us our best,
You teach us every day what faith and community really is,
You help us to let our light shine, even when we sometimes
don't want it to,

We are so grateful for all you do and how you shape our lives,
We may no longer be students, but we still feel part of the
family tree and use what we learnt to carry on growing.

Amen

Holli and Harri Stone

"No joy can equal the joy of serving others."

Sai Baba

This week's big question is:

Should giving to charity be compulsory?



Staying Safe Online

Our e safety message this week centres around Mental Health awareness month (1st-31st May 2022). Being online can sometimes feel quite lonely. Depending on what we are looking at or experiencing online, we can feel a variety of emotions. It is important as parents and carers that we safeguard our children against this and teach them ways to cope with any of these negative feelings. Our guide this week looks at some of the things that children have said that makes them lonely online and what we can do to overcome it.

Interested in joining a netball team?

If anyone is interested in joining a netball team outside of school, please contact one of the following for more details.

LONELINESS ONLINE: What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely? In a recent study, 14% of 10-12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

- Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
- Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
- Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
- #16* People being unkind to me online
- When friends leave my group chat

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- ✓ Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- ✓ Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- ✓ Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- ✓ Play single-player games you enjoy
- ✓ Listen to happy music
- ✓ Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- ✓ Send nice messages to your friends and family
- ✓ Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too

TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- ✓ Paint or draw pictures
- ✓ Play with a pet
- ✓ Write about your feelings
- ✓ Hang out with your family
- ✓ Get outdoors & enjoy nature

FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on **0800 1111**

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

CLUB

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CONTACT

Dates for your diary

Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 16 th May – Friday 20 th May	Christian Aid Week
Thursday 19 th May	St Barnabas CE Primary School 50 th Anniversary
Friday 27 th May	Whole school party to celebrate our 50 th anniversary and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Friday 27 th May	School Closes for the Whit break
Monday 13 th June	School opens
Monday 13 th June	Y5 trip to Warrington Museum for a Greek Day
Tuesday 14 th June	Y6 trip to Pettypool
Thursday 16 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Liverpool Cathedral
Friday 17 th June	Whole school trip to Chester Zoo (Reception to Year 6)
Friday 1 st July	Walking Day – school closed
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for Summer

