



# St Barnabas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**



November 2021

**Our Vision: 'Achieving great things through learning and growing together in a love-filled Christian family' 'That they shall have life, life in all its fullness!' John 10:10**

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers, what a busy few weeks we have had in school and we have a couple of exciting weeks ahead during Advent. This excitement sometimes leads to silliness and this week we have had to remind our children in Worship about our value of respect. Recently we haven't always seen respect being shown as much at break and lunch times, whereas when in class, the children behave brilliantly. We are working as a staff team to promote respect to everyone and we hope you will support us in this.

Please may I politely remind you that our official start time in the morning is **8.55am**. This is the time that children need to be in class with their coat and bag off and ready for the register, not the time that they are arriving at the bottom gate. We have several children in school arriving after this time so they are missing out on our morning learning activities and are often missing ordering their lunch on time too. Being late for school or missing days really does have a negative impact on children's learning as the following table demonstrates.

| He/she is only missing... | That equals...       | Which is...?              | And over 13 years of schooling that's.... |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 10 minutes per day        | 50 minutes per week  | Nearly 1.5 weeks per year | Half a year                               |
| 20 minutes per day        | 1 hr 40mins per week | Over 2.5 weeks per year   | Almost 1 year                             |
| Half an hour per day      | Half a day per week  | 4 weeks per year          | Nearly 1½ years                           |
| 1 hour per day            | 1 day per week       | 8 weeks per year          | Over 2½ and a half years                  |
| 1 day per fortnight       | 20 days per year     | 4 weeks per year          | Nearly 1 ½ years                          |
| 1 day per week            | 40 days per year     | 8 weeks per year          | Over 2 ½ years                            |
| 2 days per week           | 80 days per year     | 16 weeks per year         | Over 5 years                              |
| 3 days per week           | 120 days per year    | 24 weeks per year         | Nearly 8 years                            |

## Every Day Counts!

Many thanks to the par who have already filled in our school survey. We are really keen to hear your thoughts on our school and what we do well and what we need to improve. We really do want St Barnabas to be the best school it can be. The survey link is on class dojo and we ask for you to share your views by Friday 10th December. Wishing you all a fabulous weekend, Mrs Ham



## Upcoming Events

**Monday 6th December-** Deadline for entries to Advent Art Competition

**Wednesday 8th December-** 9.30am & 10.45am Reception Class Nativities

**Wednesday 8th December-** 2.30-6.30pm Parent's Evening

**Friday 10th December-** Non-uniform & bring a bottle for FOSB Christmas shop

**Sunday 12th December-** 3.45pm Choir singing at Whitehall Park

**Tuesday 14th December-** 9.30am & 10.45am Year 1 and 2 Nativity

**Wednesday 15th December-** Christmas Party Day & Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 16th December-** Christmas Church Service for Children

**Friday 17th December-** 2.00pm Break up for Christmas holidays

## This month in photos



## Thank you for your generosity for Children in Need

Thank you so much for putting on your spots and making your kind donations to Children in Need. You have helped to raise a fantastic £256.50. Please see our news page on our website for further information.

<https://stbarnabasdarwen.co.uk/news>



A reminder that the deadline for primary school admissions is 15th January. <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions>