



# St Barnabas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 2022

### Upcoming Events

**Monday 31st October- 8.55am** Autumn 2 term starts

**Monday 14th November-** Odd Socks Day to launch Anti-bullying week

**Friday 18th November-** Dress in spots for Children in Need

**Friday 25th November-** Non-uniform & bring a Christmas item or toy

**Friday 2nd December-** Non-uniform & bring chocolate for our Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 6th December- 9.30am & 10.45am-** Reception Class Nativity

**Wednesday 8th December-** 2.00-6.00pm Parent's Evening

**Friday 9th December-** Non-uniform & bring a bottle for Christmas Fair

**Monday 12th December- 2.30pm** Year 1 and 2 Christmas Cracker

**Tuesday 13th December- 9.15am** Year 1 and 2 Christmas Cracker

**Wednesday 14th December-** Xmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 14th December-** 3.45-5.30pm- FOSB Christmas Fair

**Thursday 15th December-** Christmas Party Day & Disco- Party Clothes

**Friday 17th December-** 9.30am Christmas Church Service

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

**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 wonderful first half term back in school we have had. Your children have been working so hard and have been focusing on showing kindness to each other through our 30 day kindness challenge. They certainly have been achieving great things and living life in all its fullness. Our class teachers, support staff and I are so proud of them all.

We have lots of fun things planned in the lead up to Christmas so please see our events page on our website for further information. Did you know that you are also able to sign up to our website school calendar? <https://stbarnabasdarwen.co.uk/events>

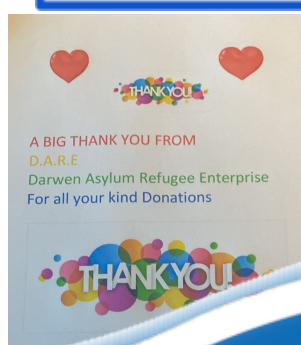
I hope you have a lovely Autumn half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31st October.

Many thanks for your continued support. Best wishes and God bless, Mrs Ham

### Thank you for your generosity this Harvest

Thank you so much for your generous donations for Harvest this year. Darwen Asylum & Refugee Enterprise (DARE) were overwhelmed with your support and generosity. Thank you for your donations to the Bishop of Blackburn's Harvest Appeal who are supporting the Mother's Union in Burundi this year. Our WOW group encouraged the children to complete three chores for 50p each to then raise £1.50, which is what most families in Burundi live on each day. Donations can still be made through parent pay.

Our vision for every  
Child Life in all its fullness;  
Our prayer for every heart,  
The will to make it so.



A reminder that the deadline for secondary school admissions is 31st October and primary school admissions is 15th January. <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions>

## Ideas to keep you busy over the half-term holiday



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### FOSB Remembrance Day Art Competition

**£1 entry** on ParentPay

3 Hamper prizes to be won!

Deadline: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Art work will be on Display in the School Hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November during Celebration Worship and some pieces at Whitehall Park



Mental Health Support Team  
EUSAT | East Lancashire CMB and Adolescent Services

**NHS**  
East Lancashire Hospitals  
NHS Trust  
A University Teaching Trust

### POSTER COMPETITION

DEADLINE  
MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
2022



To support **Anti Bullying Week** this year we are inviting all young people in primary and secondary schools in Blackburn with Darwen to take part in a poster competition! The theme this year is 'Reach Out' We will be choosing a minimum of 5 entries to be showcased across our social media pages during Anti Bullying Week and to be shared across all schools in Blackburn with Darwen, there will also be a small prize for each winner! Good Luck we cannot wait to see your entries.

#### Guidance:

\*Posters can be created in various ways including paint, colour, pencil and digital methods or a combination!

\*Posters to be a maximum of A4 in Size

\*Name and school plus school year on the reverse of the poster and please let us know if you consent to us displaying this information on social media should your design be chosen as a winner (you can remain anonymous if you wish)

\*We encourage you to be creative and your poster can be a written story, a poem, art work, cartoon sketch, social media post etc

### Parking

We have had a few complaints from local residents about parents parking across their drives which has meant they either can't get off or on their own drive. Please could you ensure you park respectfully of our local residents when dropping your child off at school. Please could you also ensure that your child doesn't walk over residents gardens or drives. We recommend parking further away and walking to school as this is much safer for our children as there is less congestion around our school grounds.

We have also had reports of intimidating behaviour from one local resident. This has been logged with our local PCSOs but they have advised parents to report this directly to Darwen Police station on 101 if you experience this kind of behaviour.

### Admissions

We had a really successful stay and play morning last week with 19 families attending. We have also shown lots of parents around our school and we have been so proud of how confident the children are when sharing the brilliant things that we do at St Barnabas.

A reminder that the high school deadline is 31st October for Year 6 children and the primary school deadline is 15th January for children starting school in September 2023.

To apply click here: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions>

**APPLY NOW**  
[www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions)

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**  
for September 2023

Primary school applications are open from:  
1 September 2022 to 15 January 2023

Secondary school applications are open from:  
1 September 2022 to 31 October 2022

If you need help contact the school admissions team on tel. 01254 666605 or [admissions@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@blackburn.gov.uk)





## Attendance

A huge well done to all of our classes for amazing attendance so far this year. The Government attendance target is 95% but our school and Trust target is 96%. For this half term our whole school attendance is 96.98%. This is wonderful considering the bugs that have been around school over the last few weeks. Let's keep this up all year! We will be awarding 'Amazing Attendance' certificates to children with over 96% attendance at the end of each term.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.76%	95.06%	97.50%	96.95%	98.06%	96.26%	97.36%

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 some 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. We open the classroom doors at **8.45am** so there is plenty of time to get into class and get ready. Being late for school or missing days really does have a negative impact on children's learning as the following table demonstrates.

### Attendance Matters !

Very Good		Worrying		Causing concern	
The effects on school progress					
A whole school year has 365 days. A school year only has 190 days. This leaves: 175 days to spend on family time visits, holiday and other appointments					
No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of Education 100%	180 days of Education 95%	178 days of Education 94%	171 days of Education 90%	161 days of Education 85%	152 days of Education 80%
<u>Very Good</u> The best chance of success! Gets your child off to a flying start .		<u>Worrying</u> Less chance of success! Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		<u>Serious concern</u> Your child will find it difficult to make progress! This may result in fines and court action.	

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!**