



St Barnabas Newsletter

Drakes Broughton | November 2020



Announcement

**School Closed (Inset Day):
Friday 23rd October 2020**

**Relief Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies:
Immediate Start***

We are looking for 2 Relief Lunchtime Supervisors, to work from 11.45 to 12.45 daily. The main duties will be to deliver school lunches (hot meals) to each classroom on a daily basis and then support the permanent lunchtime team with supervising the children and any relief cover due to absence.

If you are interested or know anyone else who might be interested, please contact the school office for further information and an application pack on office@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk

*Subject to a satisfactory DBS check and references

Our Value for this month is

Respect

Our Bible verse for this month is:

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Matthew 7:12



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Barnabas-CE-First-Middle-School-1784179715240816/>



[@StBarnabasDB](https://twitter.com/StBarnabasDB)



<https://st-barnabas.dowmat.education/>

ParentPay



As we work towards becoming a cashless, paperless school, we have successfully introduced our new online payment system, with the majority of parents now using it. If you haven't set up your account yet we strongly recommend you do as this is the new platform for ordering school meals, consenting to trips and booking breakfast and after school club.

Please contact the office via finance@st-barnabasfirstmiddle.worcs.sch.uk if you cannot find your activation code. If you require a second account, for example parents who live at separate addresses, please email the address above to request an additional account.

Face Masks

In line with current guideline changes, anyone coming into school including the school office area must wear a face covering. Thank you for your support

Boost @ St Barnabas

Our wraparound care provision, Boost has continued, making adjustments as necessary to adhere to Government guidelines. We are pleased to be able to offer food again after half term. This subsequently has meant a change in price as we revert back to original charges. Breakfast will be offered before school for arrivals up until 8.20am. A small snack will be provided during the first session of after school club. We will provide items that are pre-packed as much as possible along with fresh fruit.

Please make bookings for wraparound care on ParentPay following the 'make bookings' link from the home screen and selecting the session time and week required.

Breakfast Club: £5.00 per session per child
(starting at 7:45am)
After School Club: £5.00 for 3.20 – 4.30pm
(includes a snack)
£4.00 for 4.30 – 5.30pm

School Lunches

As many of you are aware school meals are now ordered and paid for (if applicable) through ParentPay. We have reintroduced hot meals following a successful trial at the beginning of October. All meals are now freshly prepared onsite by a team of caterers from Pershore High School.

When ordering online please ensure that you follow the 'make bookings' link from the home screen and select a main and a dessert for each day. Children will only be given food that has been chosen for them. If no main or dessert has been selected for a particular day it will be assumed that your child does not require either of these. Packed lunches will automatically come with both dessert options. Regrettably, we are unable to amend individual dishes unless it is a dietary requirement.

Social Distancing Outside Schools

Working with colleagues in Worcestershire County Council we will be placing bright signage outside the school to encourage parents and carers to follow social distancing guidelines when dropping off and collecting children from school. May we take this opportunity to remind everyone to keep a safe distance at all times.

School Drive at Collection Time

Currently we are very restricted with the movement of children around school, including them coming in to and leaving school at the end of the day. We are aware children being collected from down the school drive isn't ideal however we ask that you be vigilant as school transport has to come down the school drive so please remain on the path and keep your small children with you. Please do not stand on the road or hedge side

Harvest Festival

As we were unable to celebrate Harvest with Corinna and Dot in Church this year, our Annual Harvest Festival had a virtual twist. The children celebrated together in class with each Year Group donating a food which is packaged in a certain colour. You will see your kind donations have made a lovely rainbow and are really appreciated by Pershore Foodbank.



T4U

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Due to current restrictions this year is going to be run slightly differently to previous years. There are a couple of ways in which you and your child/children and family can help:

1. We are asking for donations of toiletries items including; toothbrush, toothpaste, hair accessories, brush, soap, face cloth. Other items may include stationary, gloves, hat, scarf, new socks/underwear, soft toys, game, puzzle, small musical instrument, toy vehicles, rubber/inflatable ball or sweets (used by date from June 2021)
2. If you feel that you are able to donate more, either financially as each box needs to be packed with a £2.50 donation, or with any extra gifts, it will be gratefully received.
3. Shoeboxes, ideally already wrapped.
4. Full Shoeboxes can also be dropped off with us - a guide to how to do this along and copies of the label template can be found at <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-guide/>.

All donations need to be in school by Friday 13th November, where shoeboxes will be packed by staff prior to collection by the T4U team. Thank you to the children who have already been busy bringing in made up shoeboxes since we launched the appeal.

Year 6 Climate Change Crisis Project

Year 6 has been busy writing formal letters to Mr Huddleston MP about the climate change crisis. We spent some time discussing global warming and even looked at photographs of parts of the world before lockdown and during lockdown and the difference in air quality. In the letters, the children have written about air pollution in Worcestershire and have come up with some initiatives to promote using Worcestershire Parkway Station after COVID-19 restrictions have lifted. Mr Huddleston is excited to receive these letters. After receiving them, he will Zoom call Year 6 to discuss their ideas.

Water Bottle Reminder

Please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle everyday

School Uniform – Shoes

We have decided to continue our suggestion of pupils wearing 'Trainers/other suitable shoes' as part of their normal day to day uniform until the end of the Autumn Term. Children may also wear more traditional school shoes if they prefer.

Self-Isolation Reminder for Parents

Worcestershire Children First have requested us to remind all our families that if anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms, all their household including all children must self-isolate until a test result is received.

- A negative result means children can return to school (unless they have been identified as a close contact of someone else)
- A positive test result means children must self-isolate at home for 14 days from the onset of symptoms or 14 days from the test date if the parent was asymptomatic

Remote Learning Update

From 22 October, schools have to adjust our delivery of learning to provide immediate access to remote learning to any pupils who can't attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19) related absence. This includes where a class, group or a small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or local restrictions require pupils to remain at home. It is an expectation that if a child is absent from school because they have to self-isolate that as a family you support school in delivering this home education. All information and lessons can be found on 'google classrooms'.

Cauliflower Christmas Design Project

Last week the 'Friends' launch their exciting **Christmas Design Project**. Your child will have brought home a letter and order form to create a Christmas design, including details on how to order. The Christmas designs are professionally printed and purchased on a range of products including cards, tags, wrapping paper and gift mugs. If any other members of your family would like to join in then we do have spare order forms, please email the school office for details.

Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by Monday 2nd November

School Games Mark GOLD



St Barnabas First and Middle School has been successful in being awarded the School Games Mark and the Virtual Awards for 2019/20.

The School Games, which is funded by Sport England National Lottery funding and delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, is a government led programme designed to deliver competitive school sport to all young people. The programme is designed to keep competitive sport at the heart of schools and provide more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best; @SG_SouthWorc @YourSchoolGames



West Mercia Police

We have been asked to share this information by the South Worcester Safer Schools Team:

- Due to current restriction we ask you to display this poster during Halloween (A4 copies attached)
- Stranger Danger



What is a stranger? A stranger is anyone you don't know.
Most strangers are nice people, but sometimes they can be nasty.

You should never:

- ⇒ Go off with a stranger
- ⇒ Take things from a stranger
- ⇒ Get into a car with a strange
- ⇒ Go off on your own

Always:

- ⇒ Tell your mum or dad where you are
- ⇒ Stick with your friends
- ⇒ Play somewhere where your parents can see you



If anyone ever makes you feel uncomfortable, worried or scared you should:

NO!

Shout: 'Stop' or 'No' as loud as you can.
It's okay to say no to an adult or shout if you feel frightened.



Run: Get to somewhere safe as quick as you can,
this could be home, school, a police station, a friends house or somewhere like a shop where there are lots of people around. Ask your parents to show you some safe places you can go, just in case you are ever in danger.



Tell: Tell your mum, dad, carer, teacher, a police officer or a grown up you trust right away.