

Barnabas Oley

Newsletter



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Builders at work on the roof!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you for your generous donations during our Harvest Festival. All the gifts were much appreciated and will certainly be given to people in need.

Next week will be Book Week and the children will be taking part in a wide variety of book related classroom activities including writing and publishing their very own stories into a class book. Don't forget to come to school dressed as your favourite book character on Monday 21st October! More information to follow in a separate newsletter this week.

On Friday 18th October work commences on the school site to repair the roof of the 1980's section of our school. The building company will be on site for approximately 4 weeks and a large portion of the school will require scaffolding etc. We will therefore have to change access arrangements to the school both at the beginning and the end of the school day for the duration of the building works.

From Friday ALL children will enter the school site via Cedar gate. Children from Holly and Maple class will be met at Silver Birch door by their teachers. Please can we ask that only children come into the building through this route as there will already be additional congestion with three classes entering through one door.

At the end of the school day, ALL children will be collected via Cedar gate. Children from Cedar, Silver Birch and Willow will exit as usual. Children from Holly and Maple will be brought to the quiet area in the playground with their teachers to await collection by parents/carers.

Access to school via the front door can still take place for visitors to the school. All appropriate Health and Safety assessments have been made, including a revised exit plan from the school site in case of Fire. The children will have an additional fire practice this week to ensure they are familiar with this. All works will be fenced off appropriately and access to the Builder's yard (area outside Holly/Maple) is strictly out of bounds for all. Please be extra vigilant with your children and toddlers as there will be unfamiliar people, equipment and vehicles on site each day.

If you have any cause for concern during the Building works, please contact the school office a.s.a.p.

Kind regards

Mrs. Rebecca Smith



Dates for your diaries

Monday 14th October	Parents sign up sheets available for Parent consultations in school hall 8.30am onwards
Wednesday 16th October	Year 4 +5 visit to Ely for Cathedral Day– Don't forget packed lunches– all disposable please.
Saturday 19th October	Make a difference morning– CANCELLED due to Building works
Week of 21st-25th October	Book Week (Monday– dress up as a favourite book character)
Tuesday 22nd October	Bag to school
Wednesday 23rd October	Book fair Arrives
Thursday 24th October	Football Match @ Great Paxton 2pm K.O
Friday 25th October	Individual Pupil Photographs PTA– Autumn Fest 5-7pm Bookweek Lunch ADVANCE NOTICES
Week 28th October-1st November	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 5th November	Parent's Consultation Meetings (1)
Wednesday 6th November	Parent's Consultation Meetings (2)
Monday 16th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Carol Service at St.Bartholomew's Church 6.30pm



Parents Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation meetings will be held on Tuesday 5th November 3.30 until 7.00pm and Wednesday 6th November 3.30 until 5.00pm.

A sign-up sheet with spaces for all the appointments will be available on Monday 14th October and Tuesday 15th October. You will need to sign up for your appointment from that date. The sign up sheet will be located in the school Hall before and after school. If you do not bring /collect your child from school on that day, then you may contact the school office on the 14th October to make an appointment. It is hoped that this system will give parents greater choice regarding their appointment times.

Headteacher Awards



These awards are given by Mrs. Smith to children who's work or behaviour has made their teacher/Headteacher say "Wow!" I am pleased to report that the following children have received this award;



Tommy Hamilton for swimming, **Tom Doyle** for his Space Station, **Charlie Doyle** for his space station, **Anna Greenland** for her Space mobile, **George Cain** for model of International Space station, **Charlie Lake** for his Space Film. **Matthew Walker** for supreme effort with writing, **Niamh Doyle** for being the first to learn all the colours of Joseph's coat, **Ellie Carter** for Planet writing. **Rosabella Pitalis-Bliss** for Space Homework, **Aurora Pitalis-Bliss** for Space Homework, **Brianna Mafemba** for Homework and **Toby Searle** for good behaviour.

Congratulations !

Children in Car Park

Please can you check that your pre-school children wait for their brothers and sisters with you. The car park is a busy place and cars /vans arrive and depart throughout the day.



Dogs

Well behaved dogs are welcome to bring their young owners to school in the morning and collect them at the end of the day.

However we would politely ask that they be kept on short leads as some of our children are a little anxious around our canine friends. Thank you



Safer Cycling

Year 6 children will be offered the opportunity to take part in a safer cycling course , during the school day, week commencing.

Monday 11th —Thursday 14th November

This is paid for by our subscription to Hunts School Sports Partnership. A letter with full details will be coming home before Half Term.

If your child wishes to take part, they need to have a bicycle that is in good working order and a cycle helmet of their own.

Bicycles will be checked for road-worthiness but no repairs will be carried out by the safer cycling team.

So, Year 6, Half Term holiday will be a good time to get your bikes ready!



Weather Watch !

As we are now experiencing traditional Autumn weather there are a couple of reminders.

- Please ensure your child has a named coat in school every day. The children are encouraged to play and learn outside and will always need a coat.
- We want the children to be able to play on the field as much as possible. As the weather becomes damper and therefore muddier, please check that your child has a pair of trainers and spare joggers to change into, if they like to play on the field at breaktimes.





Make a difference day !

Weather permitting we are proposing to host a make a difference day to complete essential DIY tasks in the outdoor areas before Winter sets in.

Key Information:

WHEN: Saturday 19th October 10 am on-wards

WHAT: Any parents who are willing to donate some time and energy to fence / bench painting, gardening, pond and wildlife area rescue, willow winding, bark spreading, and other simple DIY tasks .

WHO: Contact the School Office/Mrs. Smith if you are able to

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♪Autumn Days when the grass is jewelled ♪

Star of the Week awards

The following children have received Star of the Week Awards.

For "Independence in their learning"

Holly	Leena Jacklin
Maple	Tilly Johnson
Willow	Esme Johnson
Silver Birch	Sophia Green
Cedar	Lizzie Carter

For "Being Helpful"

Holly	Molly Cox
Maple	Mia Lovesey
Willow	Joe Jeffries
Silver Birch	Sarah Thomas
Cedar	George Hennessy



PTA News update



Bag to School

On Tuesday 22nd October, a van will be at school to collect donations of clothing and bric-a-brac.

Please bring your bags to school that morning. The PTA are hoping to get a good return from your pre-Christmas clear out. Many thanks.

Christmas Card Designs : Children are currently creating their Christmas card designs in school. If you wish to create additional designs, or a family card please speak to Fiona Cox for further information and a template. These designs are then produced as professional looking Christmas cards for you to send to family and friends.

Autumn Fest

This will be held on Friday 25th October from 5-7pm on the school playground, entrance via Cedar gate. Price of admission includes soup and hot dogs. Please dress warmly and bring torches with you.

Lots of lovely Autumn themed activities including apple bobbing and sparklers. Tickets available from PTA via the school office.

Christmas Performance

This year Key stage 2 will be performing the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Auditions for singing and acting and dancing parts will be taking place in school from the 17th October.



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: Don't forget individual school photographs will be taken on Friday 25th October in the morning. Please send in a named hairbrush/comb if you feel your child's hair may need attention before the photograph is taken! Full school uniform please, including school coloured hair accessories.