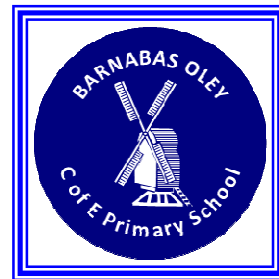


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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A Happy New Year to you all!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from the Christmas break.

We are looking forward to another exciting term at Barnabas Oley. The whole school topic is titled "Our World" with a focus on the United Kingdom for Keystage 1 and the World wide issues including Rainforests for Keystage 2. There will be a great deal of work linked to improving and protecting our world as we work towards our Eco Schools Award. Our new Eco Warriors have been appointed and are ready to take action!



Consultation regarding the change to secondary school catchment area has opened and we would welcome responses from all parents regarding their views. This needs to be completed and returned to the School Admissions team by 26th February. This is in relation to Comberton Village College becoming our catchment school from September 2015. A separate letter has been sent from the Governing body giving you the information necessary to complete the consultation document.

May I wish all our families and friends a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs Smith'.

Mrs Becky Smith

Headteacher

Dragon House Party

Congratulations to Dragon House who had the greatest number of House points last half term. The House captains have decided to hold a House Party on Thursday 16th January 2.00pm -3.00pm. All children who are members of Dragon House are invited. Children may bring in named scooters or skateboards with helmets and a change of clothing for outdoor/indoor sports.



Children may also bring electronic games (DS/iPads etc) for the party . Please ensure that all such items are clearly named and handed into the class teacher in the morning for safe-keeping. It should be a great event!



Dates for your diaries

Monday 13th January	Parent Governor election information sent out
Thursday 16th January	Dragon House Party 2.00pm—3.00pm
Monday 20th January	Parent Governor nomination form closing date
Wednesday 22nd January	Maple CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am
Thursday 23rd January	School Council Meeting 2.00pm
Sunday 26th January	PTA Muddy Fun Runs 10.00am School Field
Friday 31st January	Golden Time
ADVANCE NOTICES	
Sunday 2nd February	Choir singing at Christingle service at Little Gransden Church 3.45pm (in full school uniform please— further information to follow)
Monday 3rd February	Parent’s Consultation evening sign up sheets available
Tuesday 4th February	Parent’s Consultation evening sign up sheets available
Wednesday 5th February	Cedar CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am
Tuesday 11th February	Visit to school by Watoto Children’s Choir
Wednesday 12th February	Visit to school by Watoto Children’s Choir
Wednesday 12th February	Resuscitation training for parent helpers (swimming) 2.00pm
HALF TERM 17th—21st February	
Tuesday 25th February	Parent’s Consultation evening 3.30pm—7.00pm
Wednesday 26th February	Parent’s Consultation evening 3.30pm—5.00pm
Wednesday 5th March	Willow CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am
Friday 7th March	PTA Cinema Night 5.00pm—7.00pm
Saturday 8th March	PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm
Wednesday 12th March	Silver Birch CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am
Wednesday 19th March	Holly CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am
Wednesday 26th March	PTA Mother’s Day shop
Friday 28th March	Mother’s Day Lunch (1)and Church Service at 2.15pm
Monday 31st March	Mother’s Day Lunch (2)



♪The earth it keeps
turning

Living and a learning
as the day goes on♪



Star of the Week awards

During Celebration assembly on Thursdays, children are set a challenge which will help to foster positive attitudes throughout our school. The following children have received Star of the Week Awards:

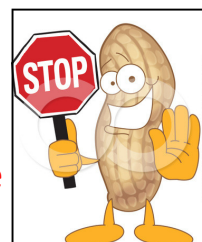
For “ **Settling back well into the new term** ”

Holly	Brianna Mafemba
Maple	Harry Rose
Willow	Joe Jefferies
Silver Birch	Jack Kay
Cedar	Charlie Ashpole



Peanut and Tree nut allergies

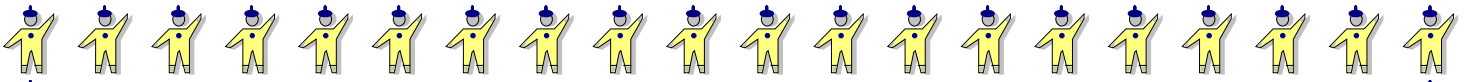
Please can we remind all parents of children who bring a packed lunch to school that nuts or any **products that contain nuts** must not be included in their lunch-boxes - for example pesto, chocolate spread, marzipan. We have children in school who have extreme allergies to nuts. Thank you for your cooperation.



Abandoned scooters !

There are a number of unnamed scooters that have been left at school since the end of term. If you are missing a scooter, please check the school scooter park. All scooters brought to school MUST be named please.

PTA News and Events



Christmas Hampers

We raised £650. Thank you to all those people who contributed items and bought raffle tickets.



Upcoming events



Gorm Fun Run and 10K Run Sunday 26th January 10.00am onwards



Cinema Night Friday 7th March 5.00pm-7.00pm



Quiz Night Saturday 8th March 7.30pm



Mother's Day Shop Wednesday 26th March



Cafe Oley Friday 28th March 3.30pm— following the Mother's Day Service



iPads in School



The PTA have been working towards the goal of fundraising to provide iPads for use in school. We are pleased to tell you that phase one of the fundraising is complete and we will shortly take delivery of an iPad sync and charge trolley with capacity for 32 iPads and the software necessary to download and sync selected Apps for school use. The PTA have contributed £5000 towards this development. Initially we have been able to purchase 8 iPads with the trolley system and it is the future plan of the PTA to continue to raise funds to purchase further iPads to fill the trolley! Thank you to all of you for past and future fundraising which directly benefits the children of our school.



The PTA



Class Assemblies

This term, each class will be taking a turn to host a class assembly. They will be responsible for each element of their assembly including singing, prayers and presentation. We would like to invite parents to attend their child's class assembly. Assemblies will begin at 9.30am and finish at 9.50am and parents are welcome to take their seats in the school hall before assembly begins. We hope that you will enjoy the opportunity to see your child take part in this element of school life.

Please check the diary dates for when your child's class will be taking part.





Parents Consultation Evenings

This term we will be holding Parent Consultation meetings on consecutive nights. They will be held on Tuesday 25th February from 3.30pm until 7.00pm and Wednesday 26th February from 3.30pm until 5.00pm.

A sign-up sheet with spaces for all the appointments will be available from Monday 3rd February. You will need to sign up for your appointment from that date. If you do not bring /collect your child from school on that day, then you may contact the school office on the Monday 3rd February to make an appointment. This system has given parents greater choice regarding their appointment times.

The appointment time will include 10 minutes before hand to look through your child's work, followed by a 10 minute appointment with class teachers to discuss progress. Children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to join parents at these meetings.



♪Way way back,
many centuries ago,
Not long after the
Bible began. Jacob
lived in the land of
Canaan ♪

Golden Time

We will be holding our third Golden Time of the year on Friday 31st January. Golden time has proved to be a very positive occasion where the children have a great opportunity to mix with children from all year groups and to learn or practise new skills. The tremendous range of activities put on for the children has been largely due to volunteer helpers and it is again that we request your help and support for Golden Time.

Any parent who is able to support Golden time activities (crafts, music, sport, games etc) please contact Mrs Smith.

Film Club

This term, Film Club for children in Years 4,5 and 6 will run after school each Monday from 3.30-5.15 pm, starting on Monday 20th January. For all those children who enjoy watching, making and talking about films then this could be the club for you.

Full information will be sent out next week.



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THE place for your kids to have fun
and make new friends after school

Come along and join in with the indoor & outdoor games, arts, crafts, cookery and much more at the Reading Rooms in Great Gransden

Opening Hours 3.15pm–6.00pm Monday to Thursday inclusive
(Children are escorted to club from school by club staff)

£9.00 per child per session

Book your place now—call the Club mobile on: 07764 576522 or email

enquiries@barneysclub.org

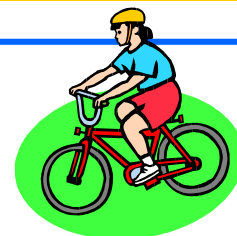
Regular and ad hoc bookings accepted

Year 6 cycling to school

We are offering **Year 6 pupils** who have successfully completed their **Safer Cycling Certificate** the opportunity to cycle to school subject to their parent's permission.

If any Year 6 pupils would like to cycle to school then please complete the attached

permission slip and return to the School Office. Access to the school site for cyclists will be via Cedar gate only so that bicycles can be parked and locked in the cycle pod easily. Cycle helmets **MUST** be worn on journeys to and from school and these can be stored with the bikes.



YEAR 6 CYCLING PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for _____ to cycle to school.

I will ensure that the bicycle has a lock.

I will ensure that my child wears a cycle helmet for school travel.

My child has successfully completed the Safer Cycling certificate.

Signed (Parent/Guardian) _____

