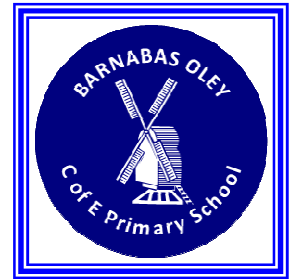


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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December 16th 2013

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

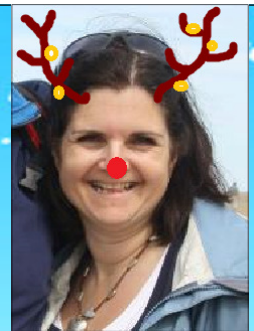
May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. It has been a wonderful term celebrating many of the values that we aspire to in our school, in particular, partnership between parents, school and the community !

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

Headteacher



Christmas Carol Service

This year's Carol service will be held at St.Bartholomew's Church, Great Gransden at 6.30pm on Thursday 19th December. We are looking forward to being accompanied by the Salvation Army band throughout the service. In addition, many children from school will be taking part as our choirs will be performing 'Jesus' Christmas Party'. We also have readings and of course lots of opportunities to praise God with traditional Christmas Carols.

Please could all children attending wear school uniform and sit with their class teachers during the service. Parents of children who are taking a special part in the service will be contacted by letter informing them of their child's role and the specific arrangements for their arrival time etc.

At the end of the service there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Watato Children's Choir.





Dates for your diaries

Monday 16th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	Carol Service at St.Bartholomew's Church 6.30pm
Friday 20th December	Christmas Pantomime
ADVANCE NOTICES	
Monday 6th January	Professional Day
Tuesday 7th January	Spring Term begins– children return to school.
Thursday 16th January	Dragon House Party
Friday 31st January	Golden Time
Sunday 2nd February	GORM Running Event—PTA
Tues/Weds 11/12th February	Watato Children's Choir to visit school
Wednesday 12th February	Resus training for all parents wishing to support swimming lessons in the Summer Term 2.00pm



♪Children of the

world celebrate

Christmas!

Children of the

world wherever you

are♪



Christmas Post-box

The Christmas **post-box will close** for business on **Thursday 19th December**.

Children are invited to post their cards to their friends and teachers in school. Please make sure that all cards are clearly named. Please include surnames and the class that they need to be sent to. Cards will be sorted and distributed by Year 6 during the day.





These awards are given by Mrs Smith to children who's work or behaviour has made their teacher/Headteacher say "Wow!" The following awards have been given:

George Hennessy	Cedar	Homework
Lewis Mann	Maple	Orrery Homework
Emily Mann	Holly	Orrery Homework
Tom Doyle	Maple	Extended Writing
Charlie Doyle	Maple	Extended Writing
Toby Searle	Silver Birch	Positive Behaviour
Corey Fox	Silver Birch	Behaviour in Sunday's Rehearsal
Tom Pinkney	Silver Birch	Behaviour in Sunday's Rehearsal
Matthew Walker	Silver Birch	Behaviour in Sunday's Rehearsal
Toby Searle	Silver Birch	Behaviour in Sunday's Rehearsal
Jenna Whinney	Maple	Orrery Homework
Daniel Lewis	Willow	Writing his own Christmas Carol



Congratulations!



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. "

Isaiah 9:6

Star of the Week awards

Star of the Week awards have been introduced this term. 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 "Working well in a group"

Holly	Emily Mann
Maple	Sally-Ann Walker
Willow	Ginny Hadden
Silver Birch	Jess Carter
Cedar	Tom Whinney



For "Being amazing in rehearsals"

Holly	Fraser Fox
Maple	Emma Doggett
Willow	Dominic Petre
Silver Birch	Luca Moretto
Cedar	Bea Duffett

For "Coping in all situations"

Holly	Abigail Greaves
Maple	Jenna Whinney
Willow	Daisy Johnson
Silver Birch	Jana Banerjee
Cedar	William Paul

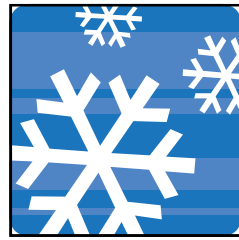
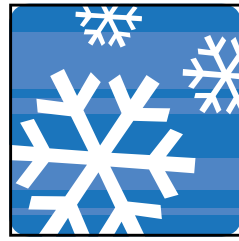


Security issues

When using the front door of the school, please could you ensure that the door is closed firmly behind you when you enter and exit. This is to make certain that the door is securely locked each time and complies with our school security policy.

School gates

All school gates are locked at 9.00am to ensure that the school site is secure. If you arrive at school after this time please enter school using the **buzzer at the front door.**



Christmas Productions

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Christmas productions. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available too! Don't forget to bring a few extra coins for raffle tickets for our marvellous Christmas hampers.

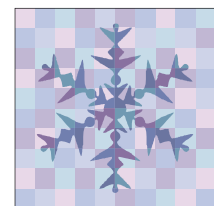
Cast Photos

The children really enjoyed 'posing' for the cast photographs last week and we are sure that these will become treasured items in the family album.

Payment needs to be made at the time of order so please remember to bring monies with you to the performances. Photographs will be available to order as a digital format (emailed directly to you for you to print as desired) or as conventional print copies. May I remind you, that all images of the children will be for personal use only and may not be uploaded to the internet or social networking sites .

Christmas table Decoration Competition

Please don't forget that Children are invited to design and make a Christmas Table decoration to be used at our Christmas Dinner on Thursday 19th December. All entries should be brought to school on that morning. Prizes for the best table decorations will be awarded during final assembly on Friday 20th December. The decorations will also be taken to the church for decoration at our Christmas Carol concert.



PTA News and Events



Hamper goodies for Christmas Raffle

Thank you for all your generous donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. Don't forget to buy your tickets at all performances to be in with the chance of winning some splendid Christmas Treats.



Christmas Pantomime

The children will be treated to a traditional pantomime on Friday 20th December.



Happy Christmas from THE PTA

Last days of term

P.E Kit and painting aprons will be brought home on Wednesday 18th December.

Table decorations to be brought to school on Thursday 19th December.

All children are invited to **bring a game to school on Friday 20th December**, that they are happy to share and play with their friends. Only Electronic games with the volume off please. All games to be brought to school in a named carrier bag. The children will also be bringing home some Christmas crafts etc on Friday so a **spare carrier bag** will also be very useful.