

Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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Totally Amazing!

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.

No sooner had we returned from Harvest, it was time for our Year 5's and 6's to head off to Grafham Water for three days of fun and adventure. They have had a wonderful time and should be very proud of themselves— particularly as many children tried activities they had never taken part in before.



Towards the end of this Half Term it will be Book Week and the children will be taking part in a wide variety of book related classroom activities based on four books. These books will be brought to life by the West End Theatre in School's company when they perform 'Totally Amazing' towards the end of that week. Don't forget to come to school dressed as your favourite book character on Monday 22nd October!

Next week, I am looking forward to our football teams taking part in their first tournament of the season in the Huntingdonshire District football league and our Netball team will be playing their first friendly match of the season too! Watch out for information regarding the scores.

Golden time— the first of this year, also takes place. If any parents are willing and able to support additional activities during this time, please speak to your child's classteacher. So all in all another busy but happy fortnight ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs. Rebecca Smith

Parent Forum— Reminder

The first meeting of the new school year will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th November. The focus will be our School Development plan including the new systems in place to develop greater confidence in reading. This group is open to every parent.

Please let the school office know if you would like to come so that we can put out the correct number of chairs!



Dates for your diaries

Thursday 11th October	Willow class to visit West Stow Saxon Village
Friday 12th October	Golden Time
Saturday 13th October	Football Tournament 'A' Team 9.15-12.15
Wednesday 17th October	Football Tournament 'B' Team 1.30pm-3.45
Thursday 18th October	Netball match– Home game v Eynesbury CoE 3.30pm
Friday 19th October	PTA Cake Friday @Café Oley 3.15pm
Friday 19th October	Cedar class to visit Verulanium Museum
Saturday 20th October	Make a Difference Day (see newsletter for details)
Week of 22nd-26th October	Book Week
Monday 22nd October	Come to school dressed as a favourite book character
Tuesday 23rd October	Parent's Consultation Meetings (1)
Wednesday 24th October	Parent's Consultation Meetings (2)
Thursday 25th October	am: individual school photographs Pm: Theatre Visit to school for Book Week
Friday 26th October	Book Week Lunch– please book via Wisepay
Week 26 October-2nd November	Half Term Holiday
ADVANCE NOTICES	
Monday 5th November	PTA: Autumn Fair
Friday 23rd November	PTA Jumble Sale 3.30pm



♪ Rejoice in the Lord
always and again I say
rejoice ♪

Parents Consultation Evenings

This term we will be holding Parent Consultation meetings on consecutive nights. They will be held on Tuesday 23rd October 3.30 until 7.00pm and Wednesday 24th October 3.30 until 5.00pm. A sign-up sheet with spaces for all the appointments will be available from Monday 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 15th 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 or Miss Jarvis 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;



Emma Doggett	Maple	Writing
Amber Stainton	Maple	Great attitude to work
Aimee Jones	Silver Birch	Gransden Show newspaper

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 and not brought onto the school site, 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 19th —Thursday 22nd 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 20th October 10 am onwards

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 help.

REWARD: coffee and doughnuts provided to sustain energy levels

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 behaviours throughout our school. The following children have received Star of the Week Awards.

For "Effort with challenging activities"

Holly Charlotte Hall

Maple Matthew Walker

Willow Ellie Whitfield

Silver Birch Aimee Jones

Cedar Henri Nazir

For "For Good Listening"

Holly Sally-Ann Gostick

Maple Mia Lovesey

Willow Jana Banerjee

Silver Birch Paige Dring

Cedar Tba (at Grafham Water)



♪Autumn Days when the
grass is jewelled ♪

PTA News update



Café Oley

We will need lots of cakes and cookies for this event, so hoping you have been inspired by the Great British Bakeoff, please send cakes into school on Friday 19th October. Please ensure cake containers are named if you wish them to be returned.

Christmas Card Designs : Proofs will be sent home soon

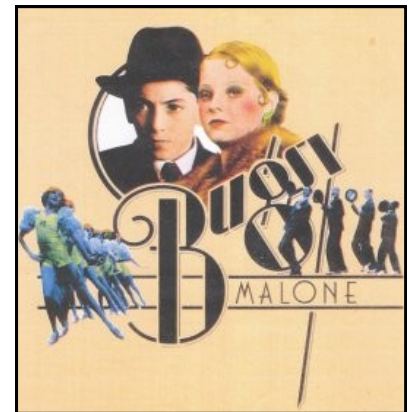
“Penny for the Guy!” - Make your own Guy Competition

Each year we hold a competition for the children to design and make a ‘Guy’ for Bonfire Night. A small prize is awarded to the winning entry. If you would like to take part, you will need to make a ‘Guy’ at home (perhaps over the Half Term holiday) and bring him to the school hall on Monday 5th November. Judging will take place during the school day and prizes will be awarded at the PTA Autumn Fair to be Held on Monday 5th November at School. More details to follow soon.



Christmas Performance

This year Key stage 2 will be performing the musical Bugsy Malone. Auditions for speaking, singing and acting parts will be taking place in school from the 17th October.



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GOLDEN TIME: We are still looking for additional support from parents to provide a greater range of activities that the children can select from. If you are able to offer to lead an activity for a small group of children during any of the Golden Time sessions, please contact Mrs. Smith or Miss Jarvis. Examples of activities might include, cooking, cross stitch, knitting, chess or any other crafts/ hobbies.