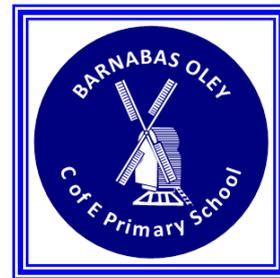


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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FUN AND GAMES GALORE !

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well can you believe it is Half Term already? I certainly can't, although the sight of gloves and scarves in school this week tells me it must be so.

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks with lots of hard work going on in the classrooms as well several special events. We have taken part in two football tournaments, held a make a difference day, Café Oley and had a very enjoyable bookweek. Thank you to everyone who dressed up on Monday. You all looked wonderful– even the teachers!



Year 6 spent a really interesting day in St.Albans at Verulamium Museum, where they were the first people to see a recently uncovered collection of gold coins. We also had our first Golden Time of the term which was really superb. The children had a huge range of activities to select from and it was really great to see how well our older children really cared for and helped the younger children.

May I wish you all a happy and restful half term break.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

Headteacher

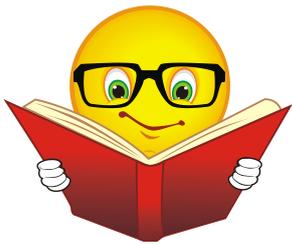


Make a difference day !

On Saturday 20th October we were very grateful to receive huge support from parents, children, governors and staff for our Make a Difference day. The willow area was brought under control, gardens were weeded and planted with Autumn bedding and bulbs. Benches were re-painted and leaves swept. We were also able to remove bushes as part of advance preparation for the area of the playground where our adventure trail will be installed once all funds have been raised. Many thanks to all our gallant helpers and special thanks to the Mear family for allowing us to 'dump' all our plant waste on their compost heap.

Dates for your diaries

Week 29th Oct-2nd Nov	Half Term Holiday– Don't forget to make your Guy
Monday 5th November	Bonfire Lunch PTA– Autumn Fair 5pm onwards
Tuesday 6th November	Last day of Book Fair (8.30am and 3.15pm)
Tuesday 13th November	Clay Day (Artist) visiting Keystage 1
Friday 16th November	Children in Need day– dress in pyjamas in exchange for a donation to the charity
Mon 19th Nov-22nd Nov	Safer Cycling for Year 6 Christmas preparation week
Tuesday 20th November	Parents Forum 7pm
Friday 23rd November	PTA– Jumble Sale
Thursday 29th November	Year 2 to Storytelling festival at Priory Centre, St.Neots
Friday 30th November	GOLDEN TIME 2
ADVANCE NOTICES	
Monday 17th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Tuesday 18th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Thursday 20th December	Carol Service at St.Bartholomew's Church 6.30pm



♪May God bless our
teachers and all our
helpers ♪

Golden Rules

The children and teachers have been thinking about the rules that we need in school to help us be a happy school community. We have been thinking about each of these rules carefully during our assemblies this half term. Stars of the week have also had these rules as a focus.

They are:

We are kind and polite

We always try our best

We listen

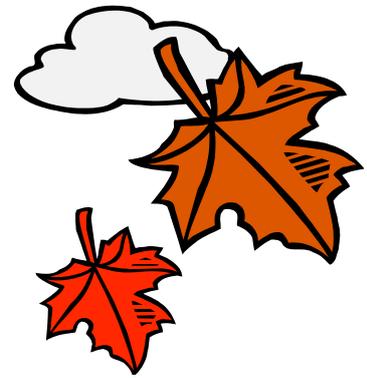
We are truthful

We care for others

We try our best to follow our 'new' Golden Rules. At Barnabas we always try to

'Be the best that we can be !'

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;



Paige Dring	Silver Birch Class	Viking ship model
Tom Doyle	Holly Class	Writing
Harry Rose	Holly Class	Pirate Map
Charlie Doyle	Holly Class	Pirate Map
Alex Mear	Holly Class	Pirate Map

Congratulations !

Star of the Week awards

Star of the Week awards have been set this term to help us think about our Golden rules. During Celebration assembly on Fridays, 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 "Caring for others"

Holly	Jenna Whinney
Maple	Millie Mear
Willow	Alex McLaughlin
Silver Birch	Niamh Doyle
Cedar	Beatrice Duffett

For "Trying really hard"

Holly	Laurie Ebbins
Maple	Charlotte Cave
Willow	Elliot Mansell
Silver Birch	Adam Hudson
Cedar	Joe Beckett





Safer Cycling

Year 6 safer cycling course week commencing.

Monday 19th —Thursday 22nd November

This is paid for by our subscription to Hunts School Sports Partnership. 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 roadworthiness 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!



“Penny for the Guy!” -

Make your own Guy Competition

If you would like to take part, you will need to make a ‘Guy’ at home (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 then your Guy will form part of the Autumn Fair Celebrations that evening at school. After this you will be able to take your Guy home.



Autumn Days when the grass is jewelled

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, as well as our School Travel Plan. 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!



Happy Birthday ! Policy update



We have been reviewing the way that we help to celebrate children’s birthdays in school.

Each week in school, during celebration assembly, children who will be celebrating birthdays during the forthcoming week are invited to the front to talk about birthday plans, receive a birthday card and then are sung to by the entire school!

In the past, some families have sent in sweets or chocolate for classmates to have at the end of the day. We have reviewed this policy in the light of our Healthy School’s work, as well as food allergies experienced by some of our pupils and would therefore ask that sweets and chocolate are no longer sent into school for birthdays. Instead, we would like to propose an alternative scheme. If your child would like to celebrate their birthday with their class, we would like to suggest that they bring a book to school for their class. This can then be shared with their friends and a bookplate will be pasted inside the book to acknowledge the giver. A number of children have already taken part in this way and the books have been really enjoyed by the children.

PTA News update

The PTA just wanted to share what you have all helped us achieve in the last year.

Through all your fundraising efforts we raised more than £9,000. A big 'Thank You' to everyone who generously gives their time and help in all the events that we run. A special thank you goes to Julie Baird, who ran a ½ marathon and raised a staggering £1600 all of which she kindly donated to the school. The money raised has been spent on things that directly benefit the children. It subsidises school trips, funds activities such as the Christmas panto, provides play equipment and this year's major project was to transform the playground, which looks fabulous and the children love it. We have spent almost £20,000 on the school this year which is amazing, but now our challenge is to keep running fun, enjoyable events that raise more money to keep helping the school. If you would like to join the PTA we would love to see you or if you have any good ideas of things we could do please let us know. There is a PTA box in the office so just drop us a note. Many thanks again for your continued support.



Use of the field at Lunchtime



We try to offer the use of the Green to our children as much as possible to increase the playing space available each playtime. On a Monday lunchtime it is used for girls football club and a Wednesday for the boys football club. We are endeavouring to open the Green at all other playtimes to Years 4,5,6 so they can enjoy field games and alleviate the pressure for playing space on the playground. If children from these years wish to play on the field they **MUST** bring a spare pair of trainers and tracksuit/joggers in a separate carrier bag to change into. (this is in addition to PE kit) No change of kit means no playing on the field !



Special Christmas Card Design Competition

The school have been invited by **MP Jonathan Djanogly** to design his Christmas Card for 2012.

The competition is open to children aged 4-11 and the theme is "*Christmas in an Olympic and Jubilee Year.*"

The competition is divided into four categories;

Reception

Years 1 and 2

Years 3 and 4

Years 5 and 6

A winner will be selected from each category who will receive a book voucher for their school and the design for his card will be selected from the four winning entries.

The competition closes at school at noon on **Wednesday 7th November**. I would suggest a maximum of A4 size for designs and please clearly mark entries with child's name, year group and school on the back of entries. Happy designing!



his Christmas