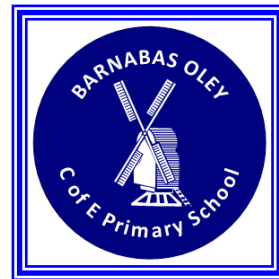


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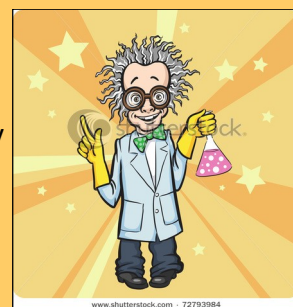
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March 15th 2013

Science week has lift off !

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the beginning of Science week and a week packed full of science activities . Children will be working in groups to design and build a sail powered arctic buggy to carry an 'Eggsplorer' safely across the frozen plains... Awards will be presented for distance travelled, appearance and sturdiness and Egg safety! These will be launched on Friday afternoon. Don't forget you are welcome to join us on Wednesday afternoon for a parent and child Science afternoon. Please confirm which session you wish to attend.



We also look forward to welcoming Arctic explorer, Adrian Hall, to meet and speak with the children on Thursday .

Finally , the week is completed with a cinema night, hosted by the PTA.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

Headteacher

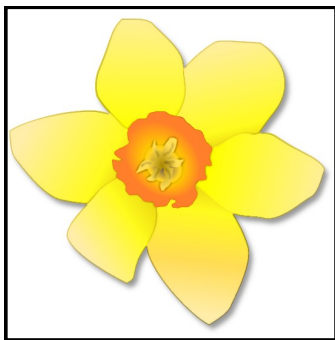
Swimming Pool Plans



We plan to start teaching swimming to the children as soon as possible after the Easter Holidays. You will be able to check the school website for specific timetables for your child's class.

Can we please remind you to provide your child with a **named swimming costume and towel** in a separate swimming bag. For girls, a one piece swimming costume is required and for boys trunks. Children may bring goggles but please ensure that these are clearly named. Children with long hair **MUST** wear a swimming hat.

Over the Easter holiday, works around the poolside to improve access are taking place and the fences are receiving a final coat of paint.



Dates for your diaries

Saturday 16th March	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 18th-22nd March	Science Week Dressing up as a crazy scientist or inventor on Monday Parent/child science afternoon on Wednesday
Wednesday 20th March	Holly CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am
Friday 22nd March	PTA Cinema Night 5.00pm
Monday 25th March	PTA Café Oh-lay—Easter Café
Tuesday 26th March	Easter Lunch
Wednesday 27th March	Cross country competition @ Priory park
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring Term
ADVANCE NOTICES	
29th March– 15th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 16th April	Summer Term begins
Wednesday 24th April	Literacy curriculum parents evening 7pm
Monday 29th April	Visit to Teddy bear’s Hospital @ Addenbrookes for Reception and KS1
Monday 6th May	Spring Bank Holiday
Friday 10th May	Golden Time
Monday 13th-17th May	SATS and TEST week for all pupils
Friday 12th July 2pm	Founders Day 2013



♪Its gonna be a
bright ,bright, bright
sunshiney day!♪

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents who were able to complete the annual questionnaire from the Governors of the school. Results are currently being analysed and a summary report will be sent out soon.

Can I also remind parents about the **Ofsted Parent View questionnaire**. Ofsted could visit our school anytime after Easter and they will not send out additional questionnaires to parents. They collate parent views about the school from the Parent view responses. To date we have only had 24 responses to this questionnaire and I would like to encourage as many of you as are able to complete this questionnaire. It is an online format, is anonymous and just requires each parent to register and then answer 10 questions about the school. Both parents are eligible (ie. Mum and Dad) to complete the questionnaire. Below is the address to complete the questionnaire.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Star of the Week awards

During Celebration assembly on Fridays, 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 "Classroom and cloakroom Tidiness"

Holly	Charlie Doyle
Maple	Luke Roberts
Willow	Jack Cain
Silver Birch	Hannah Owen
Cedar	Poppy Pennington



For "Good manners and behavior at lunchtimes"

Holly	Cosmo Johnson
Maple	Louis Walton
Willow	Tom Pinkney
Silver Birch	Katie Elkington
Cedar	Hector Atkinson-Frost

These awards are given by Mrs Smith to for work or behaviour that has made their teacher/Headteacher say "Wow!" The following awards have been given;

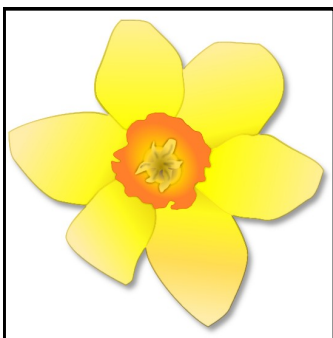


James Doggett Cedar class Artist Biography

Daisy Johnson Willow Class Trip down the river writing

In addition all members of **Choir** who performed in Cambridge this week were awarded 3 House points each for a superb performance. They were a credit to the school.

Congratulations !



PTA News and Events



BARNABAS OLEY'S GOT TALENT

Advance notice is given of a new event to be staged on Friday June 21st. Children will be invited to put together an act that they will perform on the stage during that evening. Auditions for the event will be held prior to this to ensure that performances meet a good standard! Children will be invited to select a category of Dancing, Singing, Music or Other. **Applications for your acts will be sent out soon.** So decide which category you will enter and a name for your act and who will take part in your performance.

CAFE Oh-Lay!!!

Our Easter themed Cafe Oley will be held on Monday 25th March in the school hall. All donations of cakes and cookies would be most welcome.



Quiz Night

We look forward to the Quiz night tomorrow. The quiz will begin at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Please bring food with you, but all drinking requirements can be supplied from our bar.

Donna Johnson , Chairperson PTA



Statement issued by the St.Neots Forum regarding Face book issues.

“As you may be aware local press reports have commented on the negative use of Face book by a small minority of parents in the St Neots area. We would like to request that anyone who has complaints or concerns about any policies or members of staff, make direct contact with their child’s school and use the appropriate formal or informal complaints procedure. We would like to stress that our schools and the governing bodies take duty of care seriously. “

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We are proposing to hold a ‘Mini Make a difference morning’ to paint fences and benches in advance of all the lovely Summer Weather we are anticipating. If any parents or friends of the school are available on **Saturday 13th April** (final Saturday of the Easter holiday) to assist Mrs Smith and Miss Jarvis that would be wonderful. We will start (weather permitting) from 10am. As always coffee and doughnuts available for all helpers.