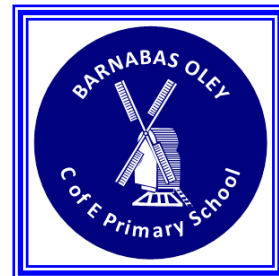


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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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



Christmas Carol Service

This year's Carol service will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Great Gransden at 6.30pm on Thursday 20th 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 choir will be performing 'Secret Angels'. 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 Street Children in Moldova.





Dates for your diaries

Friday 14th December	Dress Rehearsals
Monday 17th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Tuesday 18th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening Afternoon Performances at 2pm Evening Performances at 6pm
Thursday 20th December	Carol Service at St.Bartholomew's Church 6.30pm
Thursday 20h December	Christmas Lunch ADVANCE NOTICES
Monday 7th January	Professional Day
Tuesday 8th January	Spring Term begins– children return to school.
Thursday 17th January	Zumba class PTA 7.30-8.30
Friday 18th January	Cinema Night PTA
Monday 28th January	Choir to O2 Arena– One Voice concert.
Friday 1st February	Watoto Children's Choir to visit school
Sunday 3rd February	GORM Running Event—PTA
Wednesday 6th February	Resus training for all parents wishing to support s swimming lessons in the Summer Term 2.00pm
Friday 8th February	Golden Time



♪It's a wriggly nativity,
Somehow you've just
got to move!
It's a wriggly nativity ♪



Christmas Post-box

The Christmas **post-box will close** for business on **Thursday 20th 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;



Sophia Green	Willow	Writing Homework
Emily Baird	Willow	Writing Homework

Congratulations !

Star of the Week awards



"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 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 "**Being the best they can be at Maths**"

Holly	Olivia Christian
Maple	Charlie Lake
Willow	Holly Olding
Silver Birch	Ben Saich
Cedar	Emily Santus



For "**Being the best they can be at handwriting**"

Holly	Tilly Johnson
Maple	Jake Safford
Willow	Emily Baird
Silver Birch	Niamh Doyle
Cedar	Lizzie Carter

For "**Being the best they can be during Christmas performance rehearsals**"

Holly	Tom Doyle
Maple	Sophie Tooley
Willow	Jack Cain
Silver Birch	Ben Cross
Cedar	Emily Santus

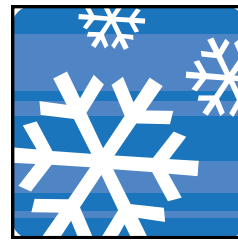
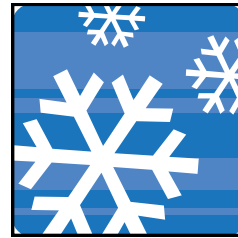


Security issues

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

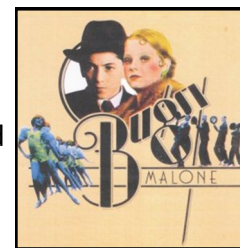
All school gates are locked at 9.00am to ensure that the school site is secure. If you arrive at school after this time please enter school using the **buzzer at the front door.**



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– Wednesday 12th December

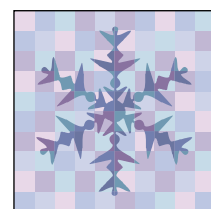
Again, this year, the PTA have arranged for some professional photographs to be taken of the children in their costumes. At all of this year's performances you will be able to view and order photographs that were taken of the cast. The children really enjoy 'posing' for these and we are sure that they will become treasured items in the family album.

Payment needs to be made at the time of order so please remember to bring money 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.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL COSTUMES, BROUGHT FROM HOME, ARE IN SCHOOL FOR THIS DATE

Christmas table Decoration Competition

Children are invited to design and make a Christmas Table decoration to be used at our Christmas Dinner on Thursday 20th 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 21st December. The decorations will also be taken to the church for decoration at our Christmas Carol concert.



PTA News and Events



Help wanted at Christmas Performances



The school shows on the 17th & 18th are also a wonderful opportunity to find your true vocation by way of selling mince pies and mulled wine. If you think you could spare some time to help at any of the shows then it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact a member of the PTA.

Hamper goodies for Christmas Raffle



Thank you , also , 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 the last day of term. All years will have the chance to take part.

PTA Zumba Experience

Ever fancied trying to Zumba ? Now is your chance to kick start that New Year's resolution to get fitter by trying out a class in the School hall. The session will run from 7.30-8.30pm.

Cinema Night

Friday 18th January see the welcome return of our popular cinema nights. Starting at 5pm, this event is open to all year groups.



Last days of term

P.E Kit and painting aprons will be brought home on Wednesday 19th December.

Table decorations to be brought to school on Thursday 20th December.

All children are invited to **bring a game to school on Friday 21st December**, that they are happy to share and play with their friends. No electronic games please and 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.