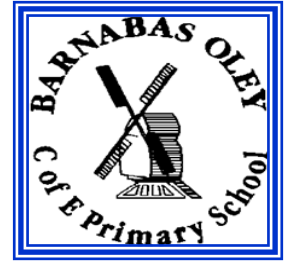


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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Welcome back to the New School Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Summer Holidays and a special welcome to all our new children in Reception .

During the Summer holidays there have been many improvements made to the school building and playground. The playground has lots of lovely new playground markings to support learning and play. The main school corridor has been painted and Cedar class-room has had a complete re-furbishment. A new server to support all our ICT is also being fitted next week along with fibre optic broadband connection.

I am very excited about the plans that Staff and Governors have for Barnabas Oley for this next academic year. Topic work across the school is Pirates and Invaders with topics on Romans, Vikings and Saxons. Book Week will take place during October and before we know it, Christmas productions will be upon us!

I look forward to a happy and productive year with the whole school community and am confident that we will work together well to provide the best educational opportunities possible for the children at Barnabas Oley Primary School.

Kind regards

Mrs Rebecca Smith



Information for parents of children in Silver Birch class.

Over the Summer Holidays, Mrs Murdoch became unwell and will therefore not be joining us for the beginning of the Autumn Term. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she will be back with us soon. For the duration of Mrs Murdoch's absence, the class will be taught by Mrs Downes with Mrs Mansell covering for PPA sessions.

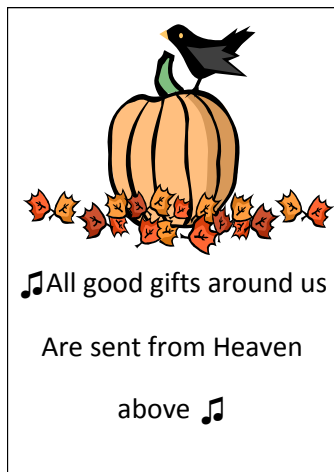


Dates for your diaries

Monday 10th September	Meet the Teacher– informal opportunity for you to pop in to introduce yourselves.
Tuesday 11th September	Parent Helper session– meet with Headteacher
Thursday 27th September	Harvest Festival 9.30am at St.Bartholomew’s Church
Saturday 29th September	Gransden Show– school are entering the collage competition.
Week of 22nd-26th October	Book Week
Tuesday 23rd October	Parent’s Consultation Meetings (1)
Wednesday 24th October	Parent’s Consultation Meetings (2)
Week 26 October-2nd November	Half Term Holiday

ADVANCE NOTICES

Monday 17th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Tuesday 18th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Dinner Carol Service at St.Bartholomew’s Church 6.00pm



♪All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven
above ♪

Harvest Festival

This year we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival service on Thursday 27th September at 9.30am. We will be walking down to St.Bartholomew’s Church where the Reverend Catherine Furlong will be joining us. Gifts may be brought to school to support the work of the Salvation Army in Cambridge such as you would find in a kitchen

larger eg tins of beans, non-perishable items such as pasta and sauces. These items will be made up into food parcels and distributed locally. Please could all gifts for Harvest be brought to school on the morning of Harvest.

All are welcome to attend.



Changes to Reading Book system

An information letter will be issued later this week giving full details of changes we have made for the selection of reading books etc for the children. All children are currently being assessed to be placed onto the correct reading code/free choice book. Please bear with us over the next few days whilst these assessments take place. Your child may bring home an interim reading book just to get them back into the habit of regular reading.



Welcome to Class Meetings

Welcome to Class meetings - Monday 10th September 3.30pm and 4.00pm. Parents are asked to attend at 3.30, going on to the 4.00pm slot if they have siblings in other classes. Perhaps you could buddy up with a friend to look after the children if you can. This will mean that there will be less congestion in the classrooms and a greater chance for you to speak directly to teachers.

Parent Forum

Parent Forum – The first meeting will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th November.

This group is open to every parent and has been a very positive way to discuss important school issues and policy and contribute to the development of the school. Please let the school office know if you would like to come so that we can put out the correct number of chairs!



Parent Helpers

Parent Helper session– Tuesday 11th September. 9.00-10.00am in the School Hall. Our parent helpers make a great contribution to the children's learning. If you would like to help in a class this year please come along to this session at 9.00am in the School Hall. If you would like to help but are unable to attend please let us know.



School Council Elections

School Council elections will take place in the week commencing 17th September.

Please would last year's school council members return their badges to Miss Jarvis as soon as possible. Thank you.

