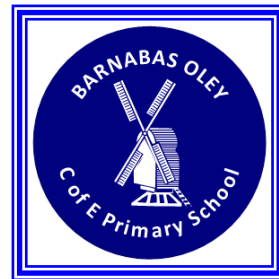


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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New Playground equipment– Phase 3 !

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the distraction of snow the children have settled back well into school routines and I am having a lovely time visiting all the classes to see their amazing work in mathematics and our 'Oceans and Water' topic. Children are really working hard and producing work to a very good standard. Fantastic!

Exciting news regarding the playground. Work will begin on the Adventure Playground on Friday 8th February with installation completed over the Half Term break. Please be aware of extra works vehicles etc around that date. We may also have to change site access arrangements for the beginning and end of the days during that time but I will notify you of this nearer the time.

The choir had a fantastic time at the Young Voices performance at the O2 Arena on Monday. Although a very tiring day, they were a credit to the school. Choir will be performing on Sunday afternoon at Little Gransden Church as part of the Christingle/Candlemas celebrations. **Parents of Choir** members please see note at end of newsletter.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

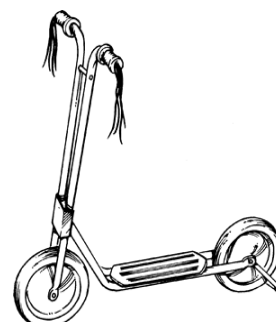
Headteacher



Scooters to School

We are very happy for children to travel to school on scooters and to park them in the designated scooter park area. Please could we ask that scooters left at school during the day are clearly marked with your child's name.

Could we also remind you that children must **not** ride their scooters on the school site, before or after school. There are too many people and other potential hazards to make this a safe place for scooting.





Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 30th January	Silver Birch CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am ADVANCE NOTICES
Friday 1st February	Visit to school by Watoto Children's Choir
Sunday 3rd February	PTA: Muddy Fun Run 10.00am School Field Choir singing at Christingle service @ St.Bartholomew's Church 3.45pm (in full school uniform please– further info to follow)
Monday 4th February	Parent's Consultation evening sign up sheets available. (see newsletter for more information)
Wednesday 6th February	Maple CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am Resuscitation training for parent helpers (swimming) 2.00pm
Friday 8th February	Golden Time HALF TERM 11-15th February
Tuesday 26th February	Parent's Consultation evening 3.30 –7.00pm
Wednesday 27th February	Parent's Consultation evening 3.30-5.00pm
Wednesday 6th March	Cedar CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am
Wednesday 13th March	Willow CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am
Wednesday 20th March	Holly CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.30am



♪Nobody's a
Nobody, Believe me
'cos its true!
Nobody's a
Nobody,especially
not you ♪

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR ALL CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Following several requests from parents we have decided to change the timing for Class assemblies from 10.40am to 9.30am. This should make attendance a little more convenient for all by combining assembly time as near to the school run time as practically possible and allowing our working families to perhaps attend at the beginning of the day, rather than during the middle. All family members are welcome to attend.



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 "Achievement in Maths"

Holly	Rosabella Pitalis-Bliss
Maple	Daniel Lewis
Willow	Elliot Mansell
Silver Birch	Ben Cross
Cedar	Ben Chase



For "Achievement in handwriting"

Holly	Sally-Ann Walker
Maple	Will Martin
Willow	Jana Bannerjee
Silver Birch	Jess Pennington
Cedar	Iona Catmur

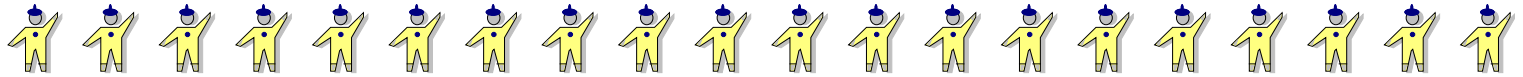
These awards are given by Mrs Smith to children who's work or behaviour has made their teacher/Headteacher say "Wow!" The following awards have been given;



Thea Kruck	Silver Birch	Model of a River
Lachlan Smith	Maple	Sword Shark model

Congratulations !

PTA News and Events



ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

This year's quiz will be held on Saturday 16th March in the school hall. Adult teams with up to six members are needed. The cost will be £5 per adult with all proceeds going towards the PTA funds. A bar will be available but you are invited to bring food along for you and your team to share. Further information will be sent home in your child's book bag shortly.



FUN RUN

Don't forget this Sunday 3rd February will be the Barnabas Oley PTA Fun Run – a 3K run for all the family. Refreshments will be available for all participants and spectators as well as medals for all children who complete the run! Please speak to Karen Whinney if you would like to take part.



Cafe Oley

Next cafe will be held on Monday 25th March 3.15pm in the school Hall.



BARNABAS OLEY'S GOT TALENT

Advance notice is given of this year's Talent show 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. So get your thinking caps on and get practising!



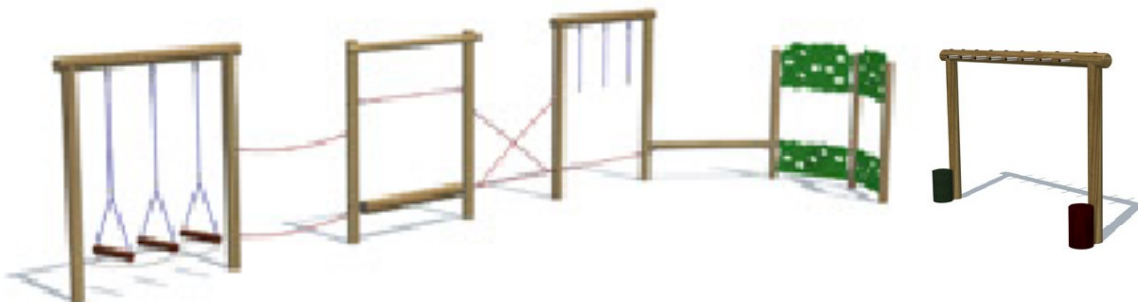
Donna Johnson , Chairperson PTA



Playground up-date

As mentioned on the front page of the newsletter we are very excited that phase three of our playground refurbishment will begin on the 8th Feb. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our PTA and a donation from the Pooresland Committee we are able to go ahead with the following;

- Installation of an Adventure trail
- All weather surfacing to join existing area to the Willow area.





Parents Consultation Evenings

Following on from the information given in the last newsletter regarding Parent Consultation evenings, we can now confirm that the sign up sheets for appointments will be available before school (8.30am—9.00am) and after school (3.00pm onwards) on Monday 4th February. All the sign up sheets will be located in the school hall. If you do not bring /collect your child from school on that day, then you may contact the school office on the 4th February to make your appointment.

Please note that Miss Jarvis will be meeting parents in the Library and work for Willow class will be available for viewing in the Space Place.

All appointments will include 10 minutes before hand to look through your child's work, followed by a 10 minute appointment with class teachers to discuss progress. Please ensure that you leave gaps between sibling appointments. Children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to join these meetings.



♪Go go go Joseph,

You know what they
say!

Hang on now Joseph
you'll make it some-
day ♪

Golden Time

Our third Golden Time of the year on Friday 8th February is drawing near. Golden time is a positive occasion where the children mix with others from all year groups and learn or practise new skills. Activities have included cooking, puzzles and games, crafts of all sorts, Wii Dance, music and Art, animation, lego to name a few. Any parent (who has been CRB checked) who is able to support or run a Golden time activity please contact Mrs Smith directly by Wednesday 6th February.

Parent view

Please could we encourage all parents to complete the online Ofsted questionnaire about our school.

Ofsted will look at the responses to this questionnaire when preparing for a visit to our school. We are also able to review the feedback to help us improve our provision to be The Best that we can Be!

You will need to log on at the following address. One response per parent, ie both parents are eligible to complete a questionnaire each.

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

There is also a direct link to the page from our Website.

Choir Performing at Christingle Service on Sunday 3rd February at Little Gransden Church.

Following our huge success at the O2, Choir's next performance is due to take place this Sunday as part of the Candlemas Celebrations in the villages.

Choir will be singing two songs during the service and we now need to know how many members are able to attend, so that we can sort out seating requirements and distribute solo parts accordingly.

Children will need to arrive by 3.45pm and be wearing full uniform. The service begins at 4.00pm

Please could you return the attached slip below by Friday 1st February so that arrangements can be made.

Kind regard

Mrs Smith

Choir @ Christingle

Name:

Class:

My child **will/ will not** be taking part in the Christingle service on Sunday 3rd February at Little Gransden Church.

Signed: