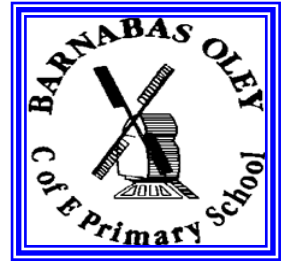


BARNABAS OLEY

NEWSLETTER



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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

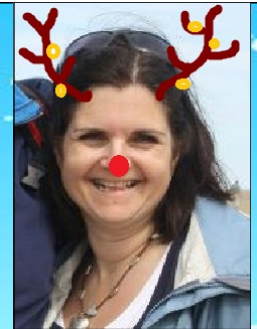
Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. It has been a wonderful first term as Headteacher of Barnabas Oley and I look forward to continuing to work closely with you in 2012 !

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

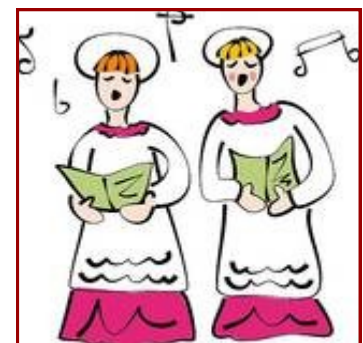


Christmas Carol Service

This year's Carol service will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Great Gransden at 6.00pm on Thursday 15th 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 both our choirs will be performing as well as our school orchestra. We have dancers and comedy actors, 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 Michael Palin Centre for Stammering children. Further information about this charity can be found at <http://www.stammeringcentre.org>





Dates for your diaries

Monday 12th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Tuesday 13th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Wednesday 14th December	Year 1, 2 and 3 visit to Folk Museum
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Lunch Carol Service at St.Bartholomew's Church 6.00pm

ADVANCE NOTICES

Tuesday 3rd January	Professional Day
Wednesday 4th January	Professional Day
Thursday 5th January	Spring Term begins– children return to school.
Wednesday 11th January	Second Hand uniform swap PTA
Friday 20th January	Cinema Night PTA
Friday 3rd February	Golden Time



♪ 2000 years ago, In
Bethlehem, in
Bethlehem ♪



Christmas Post-box

The Christmas **post-box will close** for business on **Thursday 15th 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.



So longfarewell.....auf wiedersehen.....goodbye.....

At the end of this term we say farewell to Mrs Duffett who has been teaching in Silver Birch class this term. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and look forward to her continuing to teach choir as a voluntary helper.

We also say 'adieu' to Miss Bush who leaves us for maternity leave. We wish her well in the next few weeks and months and look forward to her returning to us in the Autumn.



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



James Elkington in Maple class for amazing numeracy.

Ben Saich in Willow class for a poster made for homework

Katie Elkington in Willow class for a poster made for homework

Caitlin Martin in Cedar class for fantastic poetry writing

Rylan Upton in Maple class for great art work

Olin Kinsman in Willow class for a high standard of homework

Congratulations !



"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

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 "**Brilliant behaviour in all situations** "

Holly	Louis Walton
Maple	Lolly Skinner
Willow	Aimee Jones
Silver Birch	Elizabeth Carter
Cedar	James Doggett



For "**Great attitude during Christmas performance rehearsals**"

Holly	Charlie Lake
Maple	Jack Cain
Willow	Niamh Doyle
Silver Birch	Beatrice Duffett
Cedar	Oliver Mansell

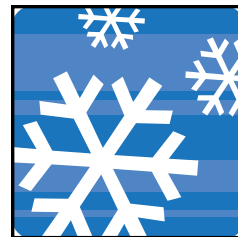
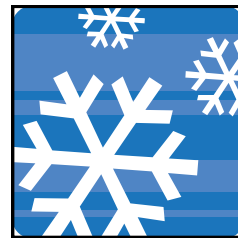


Security issues

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

Thank you to all the children who designed posters for this years KS2 production of Robin Hood. The design chosen for the programme was superbly drawn by Lexi Day. We hope that you enjoy seeing all the posters around school.



Cast Photos

This year the PTA have arranged for some professional photographs to be taken of the children in their costumes. At all of this years performances you will be able to view and order photographs that were taken of the cast . The children really enjoyed 'posing' for these and we are sure that they will become treasured items in the family album. Payment needs to made at the time of order so please remember to bring monies 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 .



PTA News and Events



Cafe Oley

Cafe Oley was a tremendous success! Thank you to all of you for baking, buying and eating cakes and cookies. £276 was the total amount raised and will be put towards our playground refurbishment fund. The next Cafe Oley will be held in the Spring Term.



Help wanted at Christmas Performances

The school shows on the 12th & 13th 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.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

A sale of uniform will be held outside school on Wednesday 11th January. If you have any outgrown/ unwanted school uniform in good condition, please could you pass to a member of the PTA committee prior to that date.

Donna Johnson , Chairperson PTA

Last days of term

P.E Kit and painting aprons will be brought home on Wednesday 14th December.

Table decorations to be brought to school on Thursday 15th December.

All children are invited to **bring a game to school on Friday 16th 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.