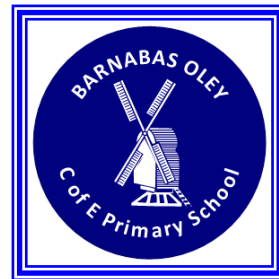


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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Countdown to our new website !

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Half Term break. I hope that you all had an enjoyable week. The children have certainly enjoyed being able to play on the **new playground equipment** now that the snow has melted and football clubs have got off to a great start this week.



Our **new website** will officially go 'live' on Thursday March 1st so please look out for the launch newsletter next week which will contain important logon codes for different features of the site. We hope that you will find it of great use as a source of information about the school and offer opportunities to celebrate and share your children's experiences of school.

We are also having spot **traffic surveys** carried out along Middle Street in our continued efforts to try to improve the safety for our children when walking to school. We have been advised that the higher the count of children walking along Middle Street in the mornings the greater our chance of securing funding for road safety measures. Over the next few weeks, please could I encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school to increase the 'foot count'. We will be discussing this issue in more detail at the **Parent's Forum**.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

Headteacher

Parent's Forum

The second meeting of the year will be at **7.00pm on Thursday 8th March** in the School Hall.

The focus will be our revised Behaviour and Discipline policy and in particular the use of Restorative Justice Approach being used at all schools in the St. Neots cluster. We also wish to discuss school reports and to ask parents about the format of reports and how these can be developed to become a more useful record of your children's targets and achievements. There will also be a short presentation on Road Safety measures that have been organized by the governing body. 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 return the attached slip to the school office to let us know if you will be attending!



Dates for your diaries

Saturday 25th February	PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 29th February	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Maple Class 10.40-11.00am
Thursday 1st March	New Website launched
	Dragon House Party 2-3pm
Monday 5th March	Boys football match @ Newton school 3.45pm
Wednesday 7th March	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Silver Birch Class 10.40-11.00am
Thursday 8th March	Parent's Forum 7.00pm in School Hall
Friday 9th March	Golden Time 1.30-3.00pm
	PTA Keystage 2 DISCO 6-8pm
ADVANCE NOTICES	
12th-16th March	SCIENCE WEEK
Thursday 15th March	Mother's Day shop (PTA)
Friday 16th March	Mother's Day Lunch 1
	Mother's Day service 2.15pm St.Bartholemew's
Monday 19th March	Mother's Day Lunch 2
Tuesday 20th March	Swimming Pool resuscitation courses 2.00pm
Wednesday 21st March	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Willow Class 10.40-11.00am
Thursday 22nd March	CHOIR taking part in Peterborough Choir Festival
Thursday 29th March	Cross country competition



♪I can see clearly
now the rain has
gone. I can see all
obstacles in my
way ♪

REMINDER.....Mothers Day lunches and Special assembly



This year we are inviting mums to join their children at school for a special **Mother's Day Lunch**. In order to try to accommodate as many visitors as possible there will be two dates to select from. Mums are invited to join us on either Friday 16th March **or** Monday 19th March. A letter was sent home before Half Term. We are now completely full on the Friday but have a few spaces left on the Monday. Please contact the school office on Monday (27th Feb) if you would still like to book a space. If Mum's are unable to attend but wish to send an ambassador (e.g Grandma, Auntie) in their place , they are welcome to do so. On the lunch days please arrive for 12 noon via the main school gate. There will be a sign in sheet in the school hall and your children will meet you there for lunch. After you have finished lunch could you please sign out and exit through the school front door. The children will go straight into the playground. We hope that you have a lovely time with your children

Our **Mother's Day service** will be held at St.Bartholomew's Church at 2.15pm on Friday 16th March. All mum's are welcome to attend.

Star of the Week awards

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 “ Putting others before yourself”

Holly	Tom Doyle
Maple	Millie Medlock
Willow	Anna Greenland
Silver Birch	Elizabeth Carter
Cedar	Ollie Stephenson-Bee



For “ Spreading joy in their classroom”

Holly	Joe Jeffries
Maple	Daisy Johnson
Willow	Sarah Thomas
Silver Birch	Barnaby Johnson
Cedar	Tash Pinkney

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;



Tom Whinney	Silver Birch	English/American Homework
Emily Santus	Silver Birch	English/American Homework
Daniel Lewis	Holly	Puzzle powerpoint presentation
Madison Lang	Willow	Literacy work
Mrs Whiddett and Mrs James	Kitchen	

Gaining 5 Gold stars for Food Hygiene inspection (Top Level !)

Congratulations !

PTA News and Events



DISCO

A disco for children in Years 3 to 6 will be held on **Friday 9th March** from 6.00-8.00pm. So plan your outfits now and hold that date in your diaries. Ticket information to follow.



BARNABAS OLEY'S GOT TALENT



Advance notice is given of a new event to be staged on Friday May 25th. 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.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

On Thursday 15th March, the PTA will be running a Mother's Day shop. Children will be invited to bring money in a named envelope so that they can select and purchase a gift for their Mums. Gifts will be wrapped and labelled for children to take home.



Donna Johnson , Chairperson PTA

GOLDEN TIME

Our next Golden Time will be held on Friday 9th March.

Any parents who would be able to help with an activity or run an activity that children might enjoy would be most welcome. The more adults that we have the greater the range of choices for the children. Please speak to Mrs Smith if you would like to support an activity. Many thanks.

Dragon House Party

Congratulations to Dragon House who had the greatest number of House points last half term. The House captains have decided to hold a Film and ice-cream House Party on **Thursday 1st March 2-3pm**. All children who are members of Dragon House are invited . Children may also bring electronic games (DS etc) for the party . Please ensure that all such items are clearly named and handed into the class teacher in the morning for safe-keeping. It should be a great event!



PARENTS FORUM



I/ We will be able to attend the Parent's Forum on Thursday 8th March at 7.00pm

Child's name..... Class.....

Signed:.....

GOLDEN TIME

I am able to help with Golden Time on Friday 9th March 1.30-3.00pm

I am happy to assist with an activity planned by the school.

I am happy to provide an activity .

This will be

Parent's name:.....

Child's name.....Class.....