

Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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New Playground equipment– Phase 1 !

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it hardly seems possible that we are already at the end of our second week of term! The children have settled back well into school routines and I am having a lovely time visiting all the classes to see their fantastic work in writing. Children are really working hard and producing work to a very good standard. Fantastic!



Exciting news regarding the playground. Work will begin on Phase 1 on Tuesday 31st Jan so 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.

We are also looking into the possibility of creating school Football teams and will begin lunchtime football clubs shortly. Please look out for further information in a letter to be sent out next week.

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.

Thank you for your support with this.





Dates for your diaries

Friday 20th January	Cinema Night PTA
Monday 30th January	Parent's Consultation evening sign up sheets available. (see newsletter for more information)
Tuesday 31st January	Phase 1 of playground improvements begin
Wednesday 1st February	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Holly Class 10.40-11.00am
Thursday 2nd February	School Council meeting 2pm
Friday 3rd February	Golden Time
ADVANCE NOTICES	
Wednesday 8th February	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Cedar Class 10.40-11.00am
Wednesday 8th February	Curriculum information evening for parents: Numeracy 7.00pm
Tuesday 21st February	Parent's Consultation evening 3.30 –7.00pm
Wednesday 22nd February	Parent's Consultation evening 3.30-5.00pm
Friday 25th February	PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 29th February	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Maple Class 10.40-11.00am
Wednesday 7th March	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Silver Birch Class 10.40-11.00am
Wednesday 21st March	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Willow Class 10.40-11.00am

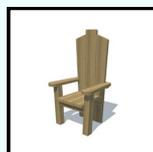


♪Nobody's a
Nobody, Believe me
'cos its true!
Nobody's a
Nobody,especially
not you ♪

Playground up-date

As mentioned on the front page of the newsletter we are very excited that phase one of our playground refurbishment will begin at the end of this month. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our PTA we are able to go ahead with the following;

- The willow area will have an all weather surface installed along with a 'Storyteller' chair.
- The area next to the pirate ship will also be laid with an all weather surface. In addition a playhouse, 360 seat (around the tree trunk) and mushroom seats will be installed.
- Additional picket style fencing will also be erected to create a safer play-zone.





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 "Settling back to work well"

Holly	Eddie Green
Maple	Holly Dring
Willow	Erica Walton
Silver Birch	Dan Bygraves
Cedar	Gemma Gostick



For "Excellent Assembly behaviour"

Holly	Charlie Doyle
Maple	Esme Johnson
Willow	Tom Cotton
Silver Birch	Joseph Quilter
Cedar	Mercy Osborne

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;



Niamh Doyle	Willow	'Being the Best' - writing
Toby Searle	Maple	Plant Diary writing
Eva Wisson	Cedar	Independent writing
Ella Wright	Silver Birch	Artwork
Beatrice Duffett	Silver Birch	Artwork

Congratulations !

PTA News and Events



ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

This year's quiz will be held on Saturday 25th February 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 School Playground re-developments. 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.



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.



Cafe Oley

Friday 23rd March.



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. So get your thinking caps on and get practising!



PTA SPENDING

The PTA have recently purchased equipment to support outdoor learning and Space Place Activities. We have taken delivery of an Art easel, large wooden building blocks and vehicles and some extra large wooden building bricks for outdoors. Thank you very much.



Petition for Additional Funding for Schools in Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire is one of the lowest funded authorities for education in England. The Government is in the process of revising the national formula to distribute money to all state schools, irrespective of the type of schools but we need to do our very best to ensure that Cambridgeshire receives a fair settlement.



As a result, Cambridgeshire's Schools Forum believe that the next step is a petition. The ambition is to get every state-funded school in Cambridgeshire to collect as many signatures as possible, and then deliver the petition personally to the Secretary of State for Education.

I would like to encourage all our parents to complete and return the petition that your child(ren) will bring home tonight. Please could these be returned to school by Monday 6th February so that we may return them to Cambridgeshire Local Authority.

I thank you in anticipation of your support. It is a great opportunity to try to get fairer funding for our children.



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 30th January. 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 30th January 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 . 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

We will be holding our third Golden Time of the year on Friday 3rd February. Golden time has proved to be a very positive occasion where the children have a great opportunity to mix with children from all year groups and to learn or practise new skills. The tremendous range of activities put on for the children has been largely due to volunteer helpers and it is again that we request your help and support for Golden Time. Any parent (who has been CRB checked) who is able to support Golden time activities (crafts, music, sport, games etc) please contact Miss Jarvis.

