

Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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Come and join us and learn to be Maths-Smart !

Dear Parents and Carers,

School continues to be as busy as ever with hard work going on in the classrooms and plans being made for exciting activities for the children to take part in many of which you can read about in this newsletter.



Work has begun on the installation of the new playground equipment and I know the children are looking forward to being able to play with it.

Please can I urge you all to come and join us at the maths curriculum evening next week- an ideal opportunity to find out how maths is taught to your children in school today.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

Headteacher

Class Assemblies- Up-date

Holly class presented their assembly on Wednesday and we were all very impressed at how confident they were and how many different activities they were able to tell us about. Very well done everyone !

Can I remind parents to check the dates for their child's class assembly and we can confirm that other members of your family are welcome to join us too. (pre-school children, grandparents etc) You are also welcome to take photographs at the end of the assembly.



Look forward to seeing you there!

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind parents that children selecting packed lunches need to ensure that their children have a drink provided with their meal.

In addition, there have been a number of lunches provided that do not conform to the healthy eating policy of the school. Please can you provide your child with foods that represent a balanced meal. Please do not include chocolates or sweets and keep high fat and sugary foods to a minimum. After Half Term each class will be focusing on balanced meals and Healthy eating within their lessons to support these National nutritional guidelines.





Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 8th February CLASS ASSEMBLY: Cedar Class 10.40-11.00am

Wednesday 8th February NUMERACY Curriculum Evening 7.00pm

HALF TERM 13th –17th February

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

ADVANCE NOTICES

Thursday 1st March World Book Day

Thursday 8th March Parent's Forum 7.00pm in School Hall

Wednesday 7th March CLASS ASSEMBLY: Silver Birch Class 10.40-11.00am

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



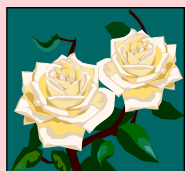
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- No! no! no! ♪

Mothers Day lunches and Special assembly



This year we are inviting all 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 will be invited to join us either Friday 16th March **or** Monday 19th March. A letter will be sent home shortly for you to request the date of your choice. We can offer 35 tickets on each day. 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.

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 “ Creativity”

Holly	Mia Lovesey
Maple	Lachlan Smith
Willow	Jeremy Cane
Silver Birch	Ella Wright
Cedar	Alasdair Catmur



For “ Putting others before themselves”

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

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;



Mackenzie Smith	Willow	Film making Homework
Benjamin Swallow	Holly	Chinese Dragon model
Lolly Skinner	Maple	Neat handwriting

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. **Please return your ticket requests as soon as possible.**

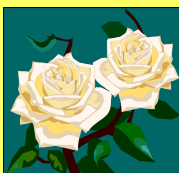


DISCO

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 after Half Term.** 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.

PTA SPENDING

As well as the new equipment mentioned in the previous newsletter, the PTA have also paid for all of the playground improvements for Phase 1. Funding has also been provided so that the cost of this term's school trips is reduced by £2 per child.

Thank you very much.

Donna Johnson , Chairperson PTA



Internet Safety advice

Several parents have requested advice and support regarding their children's use of the internet including online gaming. The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) centre have an up to date website with lots of helpful advice.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

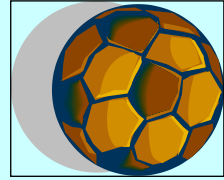
There is advice here for parents of primary and secondary aged children.





Football Club

All children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to join a new football club and a letter was sent home earlier this week. We are hoping to use the lunchtime clubs for training potential school football teams; an eleven-a-side boys team and a six-a-side girls team. We have already arranged friendly matches with Newton Primary school later this term and we look forward to our debut games.



If your son/daughter would like to take part in football club, they need to ensure that they have a complete change of kit. (school PE kit cannot be used as this is needed for PE lessons) We anticipate muddy kit so please can children bring kit in a separate, named bag.

Teams will be selected later this term.

Parent Forum



Parent 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. 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 are able to come so that we can put out the correct number of chairs!

Maths Curriculum Evening for Parents

On Wednesday 8th February we would like to invite you to a parents evening 7.00-8.00pm in the school hall.

During this session you will;

- Learn how Mathematics is taught across the school from Reception to Year 6.
- Find out about the techniques currently used to help your children become confident with number.
- See the range of equipment and resources available in school including computer software.
- Have a chance to ask staff questions so that you can fully support your child with their mathematics.
- Talk to some of our older children and see them at play with mathematics.

Please complete and return the slip attached to the Maths Evening invitation in your child's bag.

