

Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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A Happy New Year to you all!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from the Christmas break. What an exciting year we have ahead! I am particularly looking forward to seeing lots of improvements to our school play areas. Work on phase one should begin over the next few weeks which will involve new all weather surfacing to the willow area and the installation of a large wooden Storyteller chair. The area next to the pirate ship is also being re-surfaced (Hurray , no more mud!) and a multi purpose play hut and seating will also be installed.



Our school website is undergoing a major re-vamp and we should be ready to launch our brand new site before the end of January. Meanwhile the current website is still functional.

Our whole school topic of food and farming should help us to look towards Spring-time and will involve exciting trips and visitors for all year groups.

May I wish all our families and friends a very Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

Phoenix House Party



Congratulations to Phoenix House who had the greatest number of House points last half term. The House captains have decided to hold a Disco and Party games House Party on Thursday 12th January 2-3pm. All children who are members of Phoenix House are invited . If children wish to bring a change of clothes (Disco/party clothes) they may do so. Please bring these to school in a named carrier bag and you will be able to change after lunch ready for the party. 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!



Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 11th January	Second Hand uniform swap PTA
Thursday 12th January	Phoenix House Party 2-3pm
Friday 20th January	Cinema Night PTA
Monday 30th January	Parent's Consultation evening sign up sheets available. (see newsletter for more information)
ADVANCE NOTICES	
Wednesday 1st February	CLASS ASSEMBLY: Holly Class 10.40-11.00am
Thursday 2nd February	School Council meeting 2pm
Friday 3rd February	Golden Time
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



♪The earth it keeps
turning

Living and a learning
as the day goes on♪

Change in collecting arrangements at the end of the day

Just a reminder, following on from the letter sent to all parents at the end of term.

- Children in Holly, Maple and Willow class must be collected by their parent or named adult, from the classroom door each day.
- Children in Silver Birch and Cedar may exit from school independently via the gate next to Cedar class. They must have a clear plan in place for meeting parents or travelling home.
- The gate at the top of the drive will be unlocked at 3.10pm each day to allow access to the school site for parents collecting their children.
- Exit from the school site for Holly Maple and Willow is via either school gate.
- Children not collected by 3.25pm will be taken to the School Office to await collection.

Thank you for your cooperation with these arrangements. We are sure this will make the end of the school day, safer for our children.



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 “ **Being brilliant in Christmas performances** ”

Holly	Jake Safford
Maple	James Elkington
Willow	Olin Kinsman
Silver Birch	Tom Whinney
Cedar	Richie Ellingham



Class Assemblies

This term each class will be taking a turn to host a class assembly. They will be responsible for each element of their assembly including singing, prayers and presentation. We would like to invite parents to attend their child's class assembly. Assemblies will begin at 10.40 and finish at 11.00am. The gate at the top of the drive will be opened at 10.30am to allow for parents to arrive and take their seats in the school hall before assembly begins. We hope that you will enjoy the opportunity to see your child take part in this element of school life.

Nut allergies

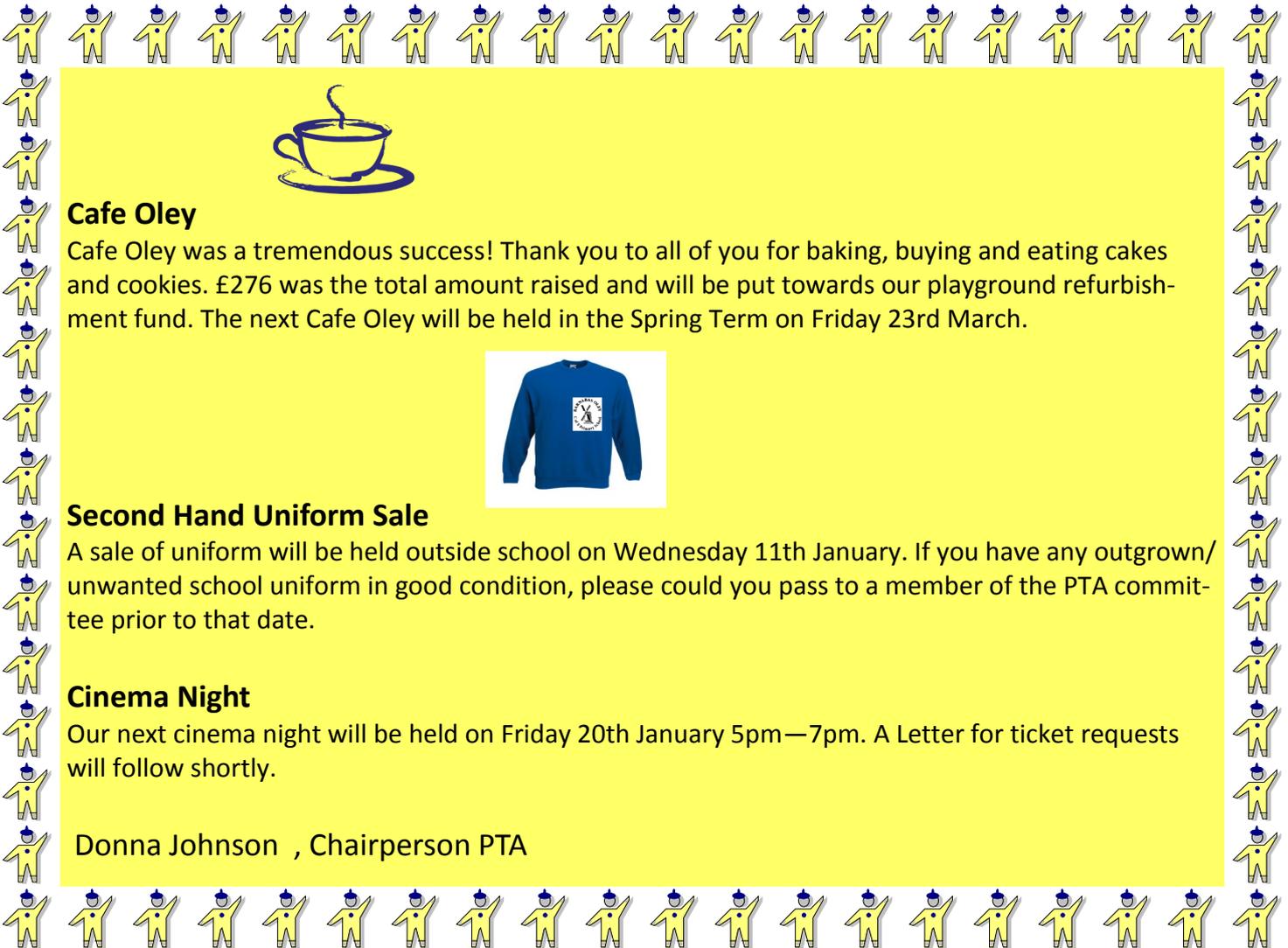
Please can we remind all parents of children who bring a packed lunch to school that nuts or any products that contain **nuts must not be included** in their lunch-boxes. We have children in school who have extreme allergies to nuts . Thank you for your cooperation.



Abandoned child's scooter

There has been a scooter (younger child's) left outside the school office since the end of term. If you are missing a scooter, please contact the school office.

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 on Friday 23rd March.



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.

Cinema Night

Our next cinema night will be held on Friday 20th January 5pm—7pm. A Letter for ticket requests will follow shortly.

Donna Johnson , Chairperson PTA

Requests from Holly and Maple class

For Design Technology both classes are in need of any empty shoeboxes: shoeboxes. If you can be of any help, please send them in to either class.

For outside role-play we are thinking of using the boat as a fishing vessel. We are looking for volunteers who could supply, make or donate

- * Fishing rods (garden bamboo canes with string and hook)
- * Fish (wooden or plastic)
- * Anchor (?!!)
- * Fishing nets (as in trawler nets - maybe using garden netting)
- * Protective clothing such as Southwester hats, aprons, wet weather

gear

Also any unwanted toy farm animals or farm vehicles that can be used for playing outside would be most welcome

Thank you in anticipation of your support Mrs McRitchie-Pratt and Mrs Brawn



Parents Consultation Evenings

This term we will be holding Parent Consultation meetings on consecutive nights. They will be held on Tuesday 21st February 3.30 until 7.00pm and Wednesday 22nd February 3.30 until 5.00pm.

We are trialling a new system for booking your appointments following feedback from parents. A sign- up sheet with spaces for all the appointments will be available from Monday 30th January. You will need to sign up for your appointment from that date. More details will be given in the next newsletter about location/ times for signing up in the next newsletter. 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 an appointment. It is hoped that this system will give parents greater choice regarding their appointment times.



The appointment time 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.



♪Way way back,
many centuries ago,
Not long after the
Bible began. Jacob
lived in the land of
Canaan ♪

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.

Film Club

This term, a new after school club is starting for children in Years 4,5 and 6. For all those children who enjoy watching, making and talking about films then this could be the club for you. The club will run after school each Thursday from 3.30-5.00 PM. Full information will be sent out next week.