



Barnabas Oley Church of England Primary School

“Be the Best that we can be”

November 16th 2015



School Travel Week

Road Safety Week is the UK's biggest road safety event, involving thousands of schools, organisations and community groups every year. Set up in 1997, the event is coordinated annually by Brake each November, and aims to encourage action on road safety and raise awareness about the part we can all play in preventing tragedies and making roads safer.

Road Safety Week gives everyone an opportunity to promote road safety in their community, school or workplace, as part of a big national event, and using guidance and resources from Brake.

In this year's Road Safety Week (23-29 November 2015), we're asking everyone to 'drive less, live more'. We're encouraging everyone to consider how they use roads, and if they can ditch some vehicle mileage, and instead walk, cycle or use public transport as much as possible. Work out how much money you'll save, calories you'll burn, and pollution you won't create, and build it into your routine. If you are driving, drive slowly and smoothly, and GO 20 in towns and villages, to protect people on foot and bike and reduce fuel use.



This week in school we are supporting the following activities:

- Bikeability (Year 6)
- Scootsmart (Year's 1+2)
- Walksmart (Year 4)
- Bright Beep Beep Day (whole School)
- Parish Council and School No Parking zones
- Take 5 campaign
- Road Safety lessons (whole school)

Please read on to find out more!



Design a Road Safety Poster Competition

Our Junior Travel ambassadors are running a Poster competition for all year groups. Design a poster on A4 or A3 paper on any theme related to Safer Travel. The posters should be bold and bright with a clear safety message. Prizes will be awarded to winning designs. They will also form part of our Safer Travel display in school. Entries should be returned to school by Friday 27th November. Please ensure name, age, class is written on the back of the poster.

Message from the Parish Council

The Parish Council has for some time been concerned with the safety of children attending Barnabas Oley and especially with the parking on Middle Street at school arrival/departure time. For this reason, we have already been working on traffic calming measures within Great Gransden via our Speeding/Speed-watch subcommittee. Over the past few weeks we have been working together with Mrs Smith to improve the children's safety and have decided to trial a "No Parking" zone on Middle Street at these times. The trial will last for 3 months, when it will be reviewed.

With your co-operation I'm sure we can make this work.



Stephanie Beaumont

Chairman of Great Gransden Parish Council.

From **Monday 23rd November** we will be operating a **No Parking in Middle Street** trial for three months from **8.30am-9.15am** and **2.45-3.15pm**. This is the first step in a County Council initiative known as Take 5. During next week, Year 5 pupils will be tracking alternative walking routes to school that are a five minute walk away from the school gate. This research will be fed back to the Travel Officer who will produce 'walking maps' for parents and children, indicating walking (or scooting) routes to school.

Suggested alternative parking zones to Middle Street include: (Please also see map below)

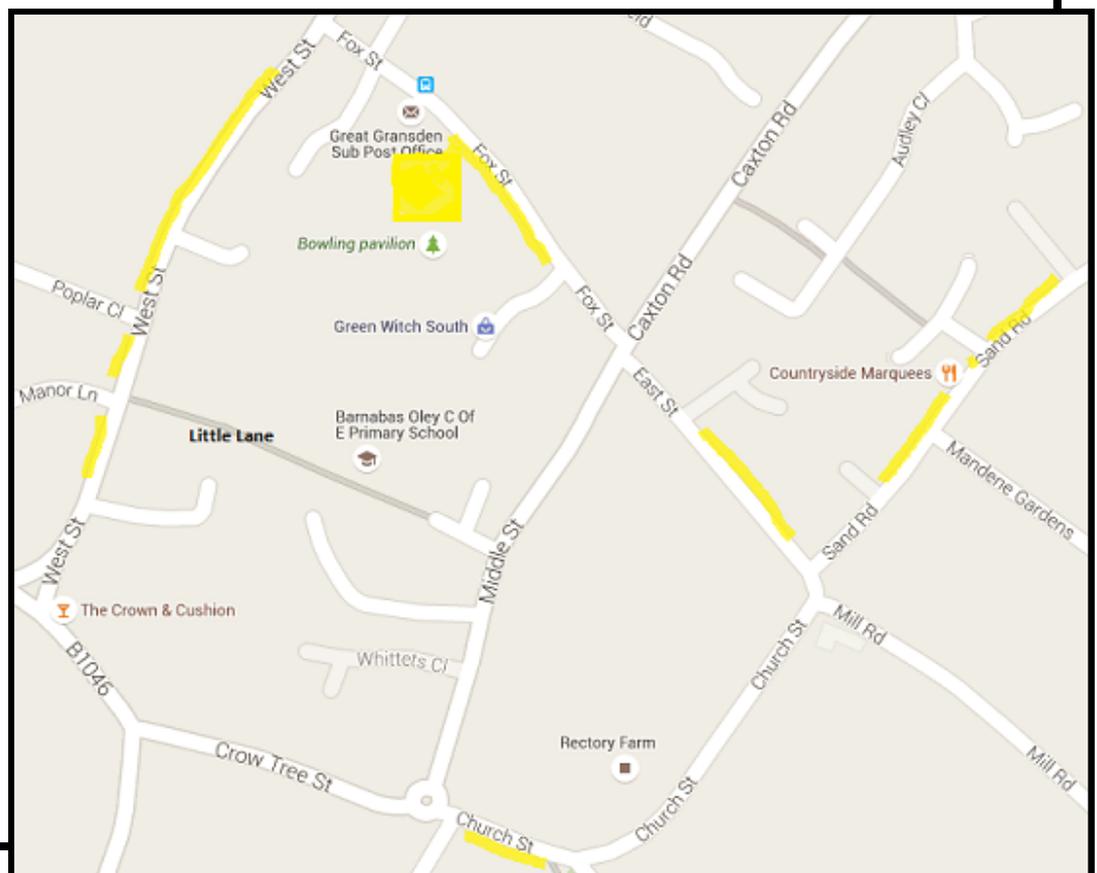
Fox Street—please park on the Reading Rooms side of the street only

Reading Rooms Car Park—You can walk to school across the green or return to Fox Street and then right into Middle Street

West Street— Please park and then access school via Little Lane

Church Street—Up to the Lych gate.

East Street and Sand Road



Also during School Travel week.....

Year 6 Participate in Bikeability (Previous Week)	Year 5 Research and set up Take 5 campaign	Year 4 Walk Smart training programme
Year 3 Scootsmart training programme	Year 2 Scootsmart training programme	Year 1 and Reception Road Safety awareness training



On **Wednesday 25th November** we will be holding our first ever 'Bright Beep Beep Day'.

We are encouraging all our children to come to school wearing their brightest clothing, including outdoor wear. Dig out your neon tutu and fluorescent leg warmers - a dress-down day with a difference that raises life-saving awareness and funds for charity.



Everyone turns up wearing their brightest clothes and donates a pound to Brake. There will be a prize for the 'Brightest pupil!!' The day helps to remind drivers to slow down and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists and raises awareness of people killed and injured on foot and bicycle on our roads every year. Your funds help Brake to run our road safety campaigns and education programmes and support people bereaved or injured by road crashes.



Please join in and help to raise funds for BRAKE. www.brake.org.uk



We are supporting Take 5 ! initiative

A **Take 5** walking zone scheme aims to encourage children and families to walk for at least part of their journey to and from school. **Take 5!** schemes increase opportunities for healthy exercise, reduce traffic and congestion around the school gate and improve the local environment for the whole community.

What about those who could cycle or scoot to school?

Families who live in, or near the zone are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to and from school every day. The maps will also have 10 and 15 minute walks to school shown on them and these prove useful for those who would like to scoot or cycle if they are outside the 5 minute zone. Some parents park further away and let their children scoot to school.

Those with longer journeys who need to drive are asked to park safely outside the zone and to walk the last **five** minutes of their journey. Or of course bring a scooter in the car and scoot to school!

Walking is a great way to improve the general health of the whole family. Children will be issued with their own travel Passports, and special signs will be placed around the village indicating the boundaries of the Five minute zone. We will let you know when the Take 5 ! Campaign is ready to officially start.

