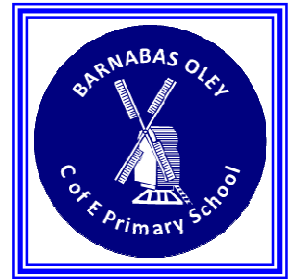


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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A Happy New Year to you all!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from the Christmas break. What an exciting term we have ahead!

This term our topic is the Magical Bookshop, where children will be studying classic children's books, writing their own books and incorporated into this term will be Book Week. Cedar and Silver Birch class will also be studying Shakespeare's A Midsummer Nights Dream. They will be working with a visiting theatre company to create their own version of the play, in a day, which will be performed to the rest of the school.



In addition, this term, each class will be presenting their own class assembly. Please see the item in the newsletter for further details.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Becky Smith'.

Becky Smith

Headteacher

Take 5 to give school parking the boot!

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors are working hard so that our children have a healthy, active and safer start to the school day.

On Friday 15th January Daniel, James and Jack will be launching 'Take 5 to give school parking the boot'. Children will be bringing home a 5 minute walk to school zone map and travel passport.





Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 13th January	Phoenix House Party 2.15pm—3.00pm
Monday 18th January	Parent's Consultation evening sign up sheets available
Wednesday 20th January	Shakespeare in Schools—Silver Birch & Cedar
Thursday 21st January	Phonics Information Evening—YR & Y1—6.00pm
Monday 25th January	Y1 & 2 Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 27th January	Silver Birch Class Assembly—9.30am
Friday 29th January	Golden Time 1.30-3.00pm
Sunday 31st January	PTA: Muddy Fun Run
Wednesday 3rd February	Cedar Class Assembly—9.30am
Tuesday 9th February	Pancake Day Lunch Parent Consultation Evening from 2.45pm—7.00pm
Wednesday 10th February	Parent Consultation Evening from 2.45pm—5.00pm
ADVANCE NOTICES	
15th—19th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
24th February—2nd March	Travelling Book Fair
Wednesday 24th February	Willow Class Assembly—9.30am
29th February—4th March	Book Week
Wednesday 2nd March	Book Week dress up day Maple Class Assembly—9.30am Book Day Lunch Mother's Day Shop
Friday 4th March	Mother's Day Service—11.15am Mother's Day Lunch (1) 12.00pm
Saturday 5th March	PTA Quiz Night—Adult Teams of 6
Monday 7th March	Mother's Day Lunch (2) - 12.00pm
Wednesday 16th March	Holly Class Assembly—9.30am
Friday 18th March	PTA Cinema Night



♪The earth it keeps
turning
Living and a
learning as the day
goes on ♪



Star of the Week awards

During Celebration assembly on Fridays, 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 "Teacher's Choice"

Holly	Amelie Squance
Maple	Tomos Rees
Willow	Louis Walton
Silver Birch	Jossie Wakeling
Cedar	Rylan Upton



For "Being outstanding in the Christmas Productions"

Holly	Crystal Davies
Maple	Scott Topple
Willow	Vinnie Banerjee
Silver Birch	Will Martin
Cedar	Holly Dring

For "Settling back well into the new term"

Holly	Max Cowell
Maple	Leena Jacklin
Willow	Alex Mear
Silver Birch	Will Martin
Cedar	Ben Whiddett



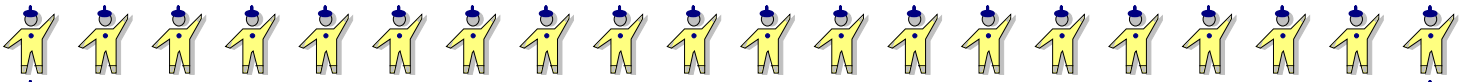
♪ There's a time to pause and a time to pray
 A time to read God's word each day
 A time to serve and a time to praise
 A time for everything.♪

Phoenix House Party

Congratulations to Phoenix House who had the greatest number of house points last half term. The House captain has decided to hold an indoor sports party on Wednesday 13th January 2.15-3.00pm. All children who are members of Phoenix House are invited. Your child should make sure that they have their PE kit and trainers in school, they will be able to change after lunch ready for the party. Children may also bring electronic games (DS, iPad etc), 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 afternoon!



PTA News and Events



Christmas News

We made an amazing £1000.00 from the photos, raffle and refreshments at the Christmas plays. Another £400.00 came from all those lovely Christmas cards that the children made. Thank you very much to you all!

Muddy Fun Run

This annual PTA event takes place Sunday 31st January. Please see the separate notice in this Newsletter for more details. **Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated!**



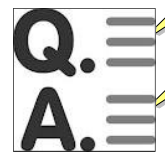
Mother's Day Shop



We are hosting a Mother's Day shop again on Wednesday 2nd March. Children are invited to bring £3.00 in a named envelope in a named carrier bag on the shopping day. They will be able to select from a wide variety of gifts, write a label for their ready wrapped gift and then bring their gift home in time for the special day.

PTA Quiz Night

Saturday 5th March 7.30pm. Tickets available soon so start getting your teams of six ready!



Cinema Night

Our next cinema night will be held on Friday 18th March . A letter for ticket requests will follow.

The PTA



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 9.30am and finish by 10.00am. Parents are welcome to arrive and take their seats in the school hall once they have dropped off their children to class. We hope that you will enjoy the opportunity to see your child take part in this element of school life. Please check the dates for when your child's class will be taking part.





Parents Consultation Evenings

This term we will be holding Parent Consultation meetings on consecutive nights. They will be held on Tuesday 9th February 2.45pm until 7.00pm and Wednesday 10th February 2.45pm until 5.00pm.

A sign-up sheet with spaces for all the appointments will be available in the school hall from 8.30am on Monday 18th January and after that, in the school office. You will need to sign up for your appointment from that date. If you do not bring/collect your child from school on that day, then you may contact the school office on Monday 18th January after 9.30am to make an appointment.

The appointment will include 10 minutes 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 parents at these meetings.



Barnabas Oley PTA announces the Gransden Muddy Fun Run on Sunday 31 January 2016—10am start

register on line at <http://muddy-fun-run.webflow.io>



3 events to choose from:
13 miles @ £20
6 miles @ £10
2 miles family fun @ £3

If you are able to help at the finish or marshal on the course
please contact karen.whinney@btinternet.com



Postcards wanted

We need your postcards, both used and unused. The postcards will be given to the Mission Aviation Fellowship. The MAF uses planes to transform the lives the world's most isolated people in need. Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations MAF enables practical help, physical healing, and spiritual hope to be delivered to many of the most remote and inaccessible communities on the planet.

Please bring them to school and put them in the collection box in the school reception area.



Golden Time

We will be holding our third Golden Time of the year on Friday 29th January. 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.

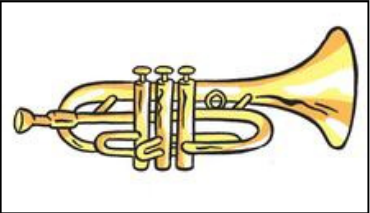
Any parent (who has been cleared to work in school) who is able to support Golden time activities (crafts, music, sport, games etc) please complete the reply slip at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you

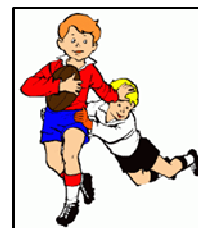
Brass Instrument Lessons?

On Monday in Assembly, children will be introduced to playing brass musical instruments. There is the possibility that children may be able to have brass instrument lessons in school, subject to parent requests.

Any children who express an interest in learning to play will bring home further information for you to consider, including costs and information on equipment hire etc.



Tag Rugby Club



The Cambridge United Sport Development Programme currently work in more than 50 schools delivering a wide range of sporting and educational opportunities, made possible through the football league funding.

We will be running free Tag Rugby coaching sessions during Thursday lunchtimes for boys and girls in Y5 and 6. The group will be limited to **16 pupils** and will run for 10 weeks from Thursday, 14th January.

Places will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Please complete and sign the consent form below and return it to the **school office** on Monday 11th January. You will be informed on Wednesday 13th January if your child has a place .

Tag Rugby Club

I give permission for my child to attend Tag Rugby club on Thursday lunchtimes w/c 14th January for 10 weeks. I will ensure that he/she wears appropriate PE kit and brings a bottle of water to the coaching sessions.

Class Year

Signed parent/carer

Golden Time

I am able to help with Golden Time on Friday 29th January 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.....