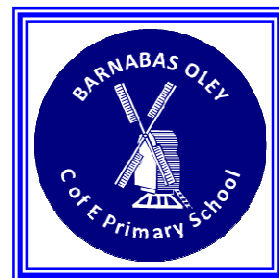


Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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March 13th 2017

Science week is green for go!

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, Science week has begun and possibly with a Bang—at some point of the week!

The children will be receiving many visitors over the next few days who have volunteered to share their science knowledge throughout the week.

Linked to our Lent Challenge, set by Bishop Stephen, the children will be attempting to create clothing and footwear out of re-cycled materials, inspired by 'The Bottle movement' (please google for further information). If you have any materials that may assist with this project, please send them into school with your child. There will be a catwalk event on Friday to display the finished products.

We also hope to see as many of you as possible on Tuesday afternoon for Parent/Child activities.

Kind regards

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

Headteacher



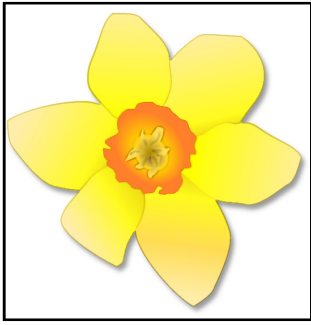
These awards are given by Mrs Smith to children who's work or behaviour has made their teacher/ Headteacher say "Wow!"

The following awards have been given;

Cosmo Johnson	Willow Class	Handwriting
Louis Walton	Silver Birch Class	Kensuke's Kingdom Artwork
Charlie Hall	Silver Birch Class	Fabulous Four Book

Congratulations !





Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 14th March	Parent Governor ballot box opens Parent/Child Science Afternoon 1.30pm & 2.15pm
Wednesday 15th March	Holly Class Assembly—9.30am Swimming Pool Resuscitation Training—2.00pm
Friday 17th March	12 hour Dance-a-thon—Pool fundraising event Parent Governor ballot box closes and votes counted
Wednesday 22nd March	Mother's Day Shop
Friday 24th March	Red Nose Day Mother's Day Lunch (1) 12.00pm Golden Time
Saturday 25th March	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 27th March	Mother's Day Lunch (2) - 12.00pm
Thursday 30th March	Easter Service—St Bartholomew's—9.30am



♪Its gonna be a
bright ,bright, bright
sunshiney day!♪

ADVANCE NOTICES

3rd – 17th April EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 18th April	Professional Day— School closed to pupils
Wednesday 19th April	Summer Term begins Cross Country running competition @ Priory Park
Friday 21st April	Class and Leavers photographs Café Oley
Monday 1st May	Spring Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May	Golden Time
Monday 8th—12th May	SATS and TEST week for all pupils
Friday 12th May	PTA Disco 5.30pm -7.00pm
Monday 15th May	Bags to School collection Year 5 - Safety Zone visit
Thursday 18th May	Year 5 Mathematics Challenge

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 “Politeness and good manners to all children and staff”

Holly	Harry Mear
Maple	Alex Thomas
Willow	Emily Mann
Silver Birch	Molly Cox
Cedar	Will Martin



For “Trying to be the best we can be”

Holly	Ruben Polonyi
Maple	Frank Ducker
Willow	Aurora Pitalis-Bliss
Silver Birch	Lewis Mann
Cedar	Milly Duffett

Mother’s Day Shop and Lunch information

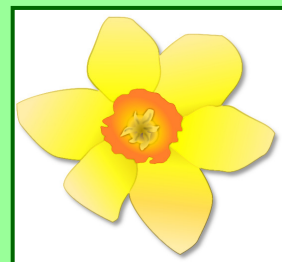
Mother’s Day Shop

This year’s Mother’s Day shop is on Wednesday 22nd 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.

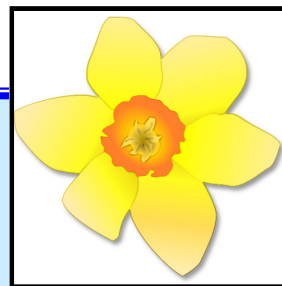
Mother’s Day Lunch

If you are coming in for Mother’s Day lunch on Friday 24th or Monday 27th March please see the itinerary below to help things run as smoothly as possible:

- Arrival – 12.00pm. Please come up the drive and wait in the covered area outside the School Hall.
- There will be a ‘register’ for you to sign in.
- Your child/children will be sent out of class early to collect you and take you in to the hall for lunch.
- When you have eaten your lunch please say goodbye to your child and let them go out to play.
- Please then leave the hall, sign out and exit through the front door.



GOVERNOR NEWS



Barnabas Oley - Secondary School Catchment

Following a consultation process in 2014, Barnabas Oley was included in the admission arrangements for Comberton Village College (CVC) for year 6's leaving Barnabas Oley in 2015 and onwards. The Local Authority (LA) supported the change on the basis that it was not a change to our catchment secondary school but a change in admission arrangements for CVC. The LA will not support a change of our designated catchment school.

As Longsands Academy is our designated catchment school, the LA provide free transport to Longsands Academy, but not to Comberton Village College. We have discussed this at length with the LA several times and have also appealed to the national body, The Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Following the discussions and appeal the LA have informed us that at a time where significant budgetary constraints are being imposed upon Local Authorities they are not prepared to establish a funded school bus to CVC. We have also been told that even if we consulted to leave the catchment for Longsands free transport to CVC would not be provided.

The Governors and Mrs Smith believe it is beneficial for families that the option of CVC as a secondary school is available, as well as the Longsands Academy and St Bede's schools. Whilst we acknowledge that it would be better to have free transport provided to CVC as well, it is not possible in the current economic climate. We do not expect this to change in the foreseeable future.

In March 2017 the cost of a place on the bus to CVC is £235 and to St Bede's is £275 per term.

Election of Parent Governors to fill vacancy on the Governing Body

At the close of the period for nominations the school had received three nominations from parents willing to serve as Governors. As the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot will take place.

Parents nominated were:

Mrs Sarah Bonnett
Mr Lewis Davies
Mr Nic Pillinger

Each parent will have one vote as there is one vacancy. The ballot is secret and you can send or post the ballot paper back using a double envelope system. (The ballot paper should be sealed in an inner unmarked envelope, then sealed in an outer envelope with the name of the voter printed on the back.)

The ballot paper can be placed in the ballot box outside the school office from **Tuesday 14th March**.

Paper copies of the ballot form can be obtained from the school office.

All votes must be in by **Friday 17th March** when they will be counted.

PTA News and Events



Mother's Day Shop

We are again hosting a Mother's Day shop on Wednesday 22nd 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.



Annual Quiz Night



This year's quiz will be held on Saturday 25th March at 7.30pm in the school hall. Adult teams with up to six members are needed. The cost will be £5.00 per adult with all proceeds going towards the PTA funds. A bar will be available but you are invited to bring food along for you and your team to share.



Have you ever thought about joining the PTA committee? It's great fun and a way of getting involved with your child's school. Please contact a member of the PTA or the school office if you would like to join us.

RED NOSE DAY **Friday 24th March**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased Red noses.

Unfortunately we have now sold out. Noses can be purchased from Sainsbury's or Oxfam. On **Friday 24th March** we are encouraging pupils to **dress in red** (including their nose!) and to bring in contributions which will all go this fantastic cause.

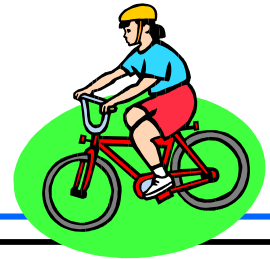


Year 6 cycling to school



We are offering **Year 6 pupils** who have successfully completed their **Safer Cycling Certificate** the opportunity to cycle to school subject to their parent's permission. If any Year 6 pupils would like to cycle to school then please complete the attached permission slip and return it to the school office. Access to the school site for cyclists will

be via Cedar gate only so that bicycles can be parked and locked in the cycle pod easily. Cycle helmets **MUST** be worn on journeys to and from school and these can be stored with the bikes.



YEAR 6 CYCLING PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for _____ to cycle to school.

I will ensure that the bicycle has a lock.

I will ensure that my child wears a cycle helmet for school travel.

My child has successfully completed the Safer Cycling certificate.

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____



Golden Time

We will be holding our next Golden Time on Friday 24th March. 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 below. Thank you

Golden Time

I am able to help with Golden Time on Friday 24th March 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.....