



## Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Now we are coming to the end of yet another very busy year at our school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, once again, for your continued support and share with you some of our school achievements; challenges we've faced as well as outline some of the developmental priorities for our school, in the next academic year.

I continue to be very proud of how the school staff have worked together, supporting each other and our pupils to ensure that all can achieve their potential. The vision for our school is simply put:

*As a Church school family, we strive for excellence, ensuring that we all feel happy, valued and loved. We aim to provide an exciting, innovative, and relevant curriculum that enables all to 'shine' and develop as creative, respectful and independent citizens. We seek to promote equal opportunities for all so that each individual is encouraged to achieve their full potential and become lifelong learners who can make a positive contribution to society.*

This year, I am delighted to announce that all pupils from Reception to Year 6 have once again achieved higher than the Local and National Comparisons and have continued to 'strive for excellence' in all that they do. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the school's results, for this year. I am thrilled that the work we have undertaken this year continues to have such a positive impact on pupil standards across the school.

The children and staff have continued to excel. This year, we have continued to build upon our: **Extra-Curricular Activities** and **External Sporting Competitions**.

As a result of all this hard work, we have enjoyed much success this year:

- Increase of competitions and sporting opportunities for all
- Increase of pupils acting as Pupil Leaders
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Large School Swimming Gala
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Large School Relay Swimming
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Netball League
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Y3 & 4 Cross Country Running
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Large School's Athletics
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Key Stage 2 Boccia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nee Netball Tournament
- Renewed the School Games Mark Platinum (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term)

In addition, we have continued to enjoy:

- **Visits** to enhance learning opportunities for the children; as well as
- **Visitors** to school.

The continued success of our school can only be achieved and sustained by the whole school community working together and relies heavily on expertise from school staff and parental support.

I would particularly like to thank all school staff; both those who have been with us for many years, and those who have joined us more recently, for their hard work, commitment, and dedication throughout the past year.

I would also like to thank our Governors, for their commitment to our school, and, our parents, as well as [FOBS](#) for their continued enthusiasm and support and, of course, our children.



Our thanks must go to our current Year 6 children for their contribution towards school life. They have been exemplary role models for our younger children.

This year, funds raised for their 'Legacy Gift' through the Gala Dinner will be used to further enhance our school including the creation of an outdoor Water Drinks station as well as a number of additions to our school's provision during active play.

Well done guys and thank you to our Year 6 children for their hard work and effort this year. Good luck to all of you, as you continue your educational journey, at your Secondary School.

This year, the focus of our works has been:

1. Review, refine and re-structure assessment opportunities.
2. Develop further appreciation and understanding of how differences are celebrated and valued.
3. Embed developments within middle leadership of the school so that it continues to be effective, robust and rigorous.

The work has been extensive and is in part completed.

Earlier this term, we were visited by Elizabeth Seymour when we participated in our SIAMs Inspection. The findings are a wonderful validation of our school. The report is available to read by [CLICKING HERE](#). It continues to fill me with such pride when all that we are and do is validated by external sources: *Barrowby Church of England Primary School emanates care and love.*

This year, we have continued our strive to further enhance our school grounds. This has included:

- Completion of our newly refurbished school pond;
- Installation of further outdoor equipment for use by our Reception children in the Woodland;
- Additional items purchased for active play including new scooters; and
- Installation of our new Craft Shack.

As you will be aware, the ground works for the new 'Craft Shack' have been installed and we are hopeful that by the time the children have returned to school, the new shack will be in situ in readiness for the start of the academic year.

In addition to this, during the Summer holidays, we are having fences installed along the pedestrian path and into the school's car park for Health & Safety reasons.

It has become increasingly worrying that parents and pupils, at the end of the school day, don't necessarily keep to the pedestrian paths but instead cut over the grass area or weave through the parked cars to leave the school. By installing fences in this area we hope to provide a safer entrance/exit to school for all.

Next year, we welcome 34 Reception pupils and their families.

**All school children will return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.** When arriving in September, please ensure that children have the appropriate uniform:

#### Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt (round neck) or cardigan with logo
- White polo shirt
- Plain mid-grey, straight-legged, tailored trousers with no external pockets i.e. not 'Cargo style' with grey/black socks
- Mid-grey skirt or Pinafore dress with medium grey tights or white knee-length socks
- **Optional** Summer term only - Plain mid-grey, straight-legged, tailored shorts with no external pockets i.e. not 'Cargo style' with grey/black socks, royal blue & white checked dress with white ankle socks

*In the event of unseasonable weather conditions e.g. hotter weather expected when returning to school in September, the Headteacher will inform parents of an extension to the optional summer uniform should it be necessary, for an agreed fixed period.*



### P.E. and Games Kit

- Royal blue Tee Shirt with logo
- Navy blue shorts
- Pair of plimsolls
- P.E. bag (drawstring) with logo
- Swimming costume or trunks (not bikini or long shorts) and swimming cap - From Year 3 onwards

### Outdoor PE Kit for Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

- Pair of suitable trainers (preferably black)
- Navy Track suit or navy hooded top with logo and plain navy tracksuit bottoms

*Please ensure all items of clothing and equipment are permanently marked with your child's name.*

### Footwear

The children require a pair of sensible black shoes which can be worn to and from school and throughout the school day, both inside the building and while children are at play, **boots are not permitted**. Children will also require a pair of trainers (preferably black) for PE lessons outside and a pair of plimsolls for PE lessons in the hall.

### Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted in school. **Earrings are not permitted**, and children will be requested to remove them if they wear them to school. Pupils are responsible for the security of their own possessions (including watches and money).

### Hair

All shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back behind the head with a plain royal blue band. Short hair should be smartly trimmed (i.e. no 'extreme hairstyles,' shaved patterns, spiking etc.). The definition of what constitutes an 'extreme hairstyle' is at the discretion of the headteacher.

Please be reminded any type of **earrings are not permitted** and children will be requested to remove them if they wear them to school.

In September, we will continue to encourage parents to queue down either the Church Path or School Path when dropping off or picking up their children, in order to reduce congestion at the front of the school:

- **Reception/Key Stage 1 entrance/exit** parents line-up on the Church Path and exit through the car park; and
- **Key Stage 2 entrance/exit** parents line-up on the pedestrian path and exit through the car park. Please do not walk over the grass/lawned areas when leaving the school.

**Please wait in these designated areas and not at the front of the school.** If you have both younger and older children we would suggest that the older children should be taken with you to the Church Path so that you can supervise the children, as you wait to take your children in. Once the younger children have been dropped off you can then walk through the car park and drop the older children off. **No children should be left unsupervised at the beginning of the school day.**

We continue to be guided by our school's vision and are working hard to refine our practice so that all feel 'happy, valued and loved' and are well supported to be ready for school, each day.

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we will continue to 'strive for excellence' in everything that we do, and, with your support, trust and understanding continue to provide the very best education for all our children.

Enjoy your summer holidays and I look forward to working with you, next year.

Yours sincerely



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