



## Barrowby Church of England Primary School

July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach 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.

As a Church of England Primary School, we have continued to evaluate our provision in accordance with the national curriculum-available to Year 1-6; refining the learning opportunities available to all our pupils so that we can continue to assess the progress and attainment of our children against the new standards.

As a result of our continued hard work and commitment to 'strive for excellence' our pupils continue to 'shine.' This year, our school has been awarded 4 Gold Awards: School Games Mark, Youth Sport Trust Mark, Artsmark and the RE Quality Mark.

It is easy to take for granted the academic standards of our pupils, the school's published results as well as the school's aspirations. After a while, it becomes 'normality' and we forget just what a special place our school is.

Our children have worked incredibly hard this year. Please visit the [National Assessments](#) section of our school website, in the Autumn term, for further details on the children's academic performance, this year.

The continued success of our school can only be achieved and sustained by the whole school community working together and relies heavily on 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, especially the parental volunteers who have given their time freely, each week as well as [FOBS](#) for their continued enthusiasm and support and, of course, our children.

Earlier this year, we completed the work to further enhance our school grounds including the installation of:

- 'free climbing posts', providing opportunities for our children to traverse from one end to another, either independently or working as a group;
- 'Leap Frog Posts', 'Balance Beams', 'Stepping Stones', 'Up and Over Hurdles' providing further opportunities for our pupils to be physically active; as well as our
- Cooking Area/Camp fire.

In addition, at the beginning of the Autumn term, 2-3<sup>rd</sup> September we will be installing the outdoor gym equipment which was part of the Legacy Gift from our Year 6 children: 2017-2018.

Our thanks must go to our current Year 6 for their contribution towards school life, fulfilling a range of responsibilities such as Librarians; Sport's Committee; Fundraising Committee; Lunchtime Buddies; Playground Leaders and by being exemplary role models for our younger children. This year, funds raised for their 'Legacy Gift:' outdoor library and den spaces are in excess of £800 and will hopefully be installed next year.

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 on your educational journey, at your Secondary School.

Next year, we welcome 34 Reception pupils and their families. This continues to be a very exciting time for our school. Our commitment to develop further our school remains high. As we look ahead, we are committed to ensuring the school continues to meet the needs of all its pupils.



Moving forward we look to reorganise the curricular and assessment opportunities, available to the children:

- in line with the new National Curriculum, embed shared topics/themes for pupils working in Reception, Year 1 and 2; Year 3 & 4 and pupils in Year 5 & 6-encouraging a rich, broad and balanced curriculum; so that
- all our pupils are supported, so that they achieve their potential;
- provide further opportunities for our pupils, within the arts, working alongside artists and instrumental specialists;
- continue to develop sport skills through the use of coaches, through a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities, as well as sustaining the increased amount of competitive sport; and
- continue to support our children, to develop further their understanding of the multi-cultural world, in which they live.

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



Mr L Batey  
Headteacher



Artsmark  
Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

