



**DIARY DATES**

Dates for the School Year 2013-2014 can be found on the school website. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar. Please check regularly for new dates.

You will receive further information about forthcoming events nearer the time, as appropriate.

**Friday 23 May**

Year 4 World War II Assembly 9.15am  
School closes for half term.

**Monday 2 June**

School re-opens



**Tuesday 3 June**



Visit to Bible Exhibition at Bethesda Church for Years 5 and 6.

**Thursday 5 and Friday 6 June**

London Residential Visit



**Tuesday 10 June**

Induction Morning for 2014 Reception children and parents/carers. 9.15am

**Tuesday 17 June**

Induction afternoon for 2014 Reception children. 1.30pm



**Thursday 19 Jun 2014**



Year 6 Bistro Evening 5.00pm-7.00pm

**Monday 23 Jun 2014**

Sports Day 1.30pm

**Tuesday 24 Jun 2014**

House Sports Tournament



**Thursday 26 Jun 2014**

Mini Olympics

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Year 1/2 class visits to Rutland Water

**Friday 27 Jun 2014**

Large Schools' Sports at The Meres.

**Friday 27 Jun 2014**

Cinematique Group visit to London Film Institute

**Wed 2 July 2014**

Year 3 Safari Assembly 2.30pm. Parents of Year 3 children are invited to join us.



Dear Parents/Carers

Well, here we are, fast approaching the end of term. The sun is shining and hopefully it will last. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the last couple of weeks, of school life.

Mr L Batey



**Events in School**

**FOBS Spring Concert**

Many thanks to FOBS for arranging the excellent Spring Concert which took place in Barrowby Church last Sunday afternoon. This was a very enjoyable afternoon, well supported by our church and community. Total income from this event was £379, which will be used to support the music curriculum, and extracurricular music groups in school.

**Tennis Tournament**

Three children represented our school in an inter schools tennis competition on 7 May. Congratulations to our team, for representing our school, and coming second overall. As a result of their participation, the school has received 60 free tennis balls—30 for indoor games, and 30 for outdoors. Well done!



**Year 4 Visit to Stibbington—World War II Evacuee Day**

On 7 May, Year 4 travelled back in time to World War II, to experience what it would have been like for children who were evacuated to the countryside.

They began their adventure in a railway carriage, and experienced the process of being allocated to new families, war-time school lessons, and an 'air raid'. The visit has given children a very good start to their World War II topic in class and we look forward to their class Assembly, next Friday.



**Key Stage SATs**

Our Year 6 children have been taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATs, this week. To get the test days off to a good start, we have again run a free breakfast club for Year 6, during SATs week—here they are enjoying breakfast seated at our new dining tables. Many thanks to all staff who volunteered to help with breakfast.



### Morrisons 'Let's Grow' Equipment

Last Autumn, we collected vouchers in school for the Morrisons 'Let's Grow' scheme.

In past years we have used the vouchers for gardening equipment, but this year, we have focused on preparing and cooking food—including vegetables grown at school. We have now received a range of cookery equipment, including electric mixers, digital scales, cookie cutters, baking trays, and cookery utensils. Thank you to everyone who collected vouchers for us.



### Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) Working Party

As part of our preparation for the introduction of UIFSM we have set up a working party, which met for the first time this week. Staff, Governors, Pupils and Parents are all represented, and will be focusing on 'Establishing the Barrowby Dining Experience'. They have looked at resourcing, and the dining environment, and options for crockery, cutlery and hot boxes. The working party also viewed part of the School Food Plan video. They meet again on 19 May.

### School Meals—come and be part of this exciting new development!

As you know, we will soon be introducing hot school meals, and have already started to prepare for this, with all our children now eating their packed lunches in the hall. As a result of the changes to lunch times, we need to employ **three additional Midday Supervisory Assistants**.

This is an opportunity to join us in this new venture, and to be part of the team that will deliver a positive and enjoyable dining experience for our children, as well as getting involved with games and activities in the playground. You can find details, and an application form, [here](#).



### Uniform Orders



Although the new school year seems a long way off at the moment, it's not too soon to think about your uniform requirements for September! You can order uniform online [here](#). Orders are sent to school (no delivery charge) for us to send home with your child. The summer term is a very busy time for suppliers, so to be sure of receiving your order before the summer holidays, **please order online before Friday 13 June**. Orders placed after this date, but before the end of term may not be ready for you until the start of the Autumn Term. Orders placed during the summer holidays will not be in school before the end of September.

If you are ordering PE kit, you will see that we have a new combined offer of **PE bag, Tee shirt (both with embroidered logo) and shorts for £10.50**, which is a saving of £4.50 over buying the items separately. The PE Tee shirts available to order online now have an embroidered logo (like those on the sweatshirts). This is at no extra cost. These will gradually replace the printed Tee shirts in school. **We do still have some printed PE Tee shirts, which we are now selling in school for the discounted price of £4 each**. We are only able to keep very limited stocks of uniform in school, so we may not always have what you need in stock when it is required, especially at the beginning of term. Reminder—we still have some 'pre-worn' uniform for sale at very reasonable prices—particularly summer dresses. Please contact Mrs Midgley for details of items and sizes available.

### Mustard Seed Project

We continue to support this project and its ongoing development of a school in Kenya. You can help us by purchasing a 'tile' for 30p, or donating any football boots that your children have outgrown. You can find out more about The Mustard Seed Project [here](#).

### Voluntary Contributions

Some activities in school, and most educational visits out of school, are dependant on the voluntary contributions made by parents. Thank you for the very high level of support we receive in this school. Whilst no child would ever be excluded from an activity because no contribution had been made, if the level of support was not high enough, it might on occasion be necessary to cancel the activity for all children. Voluntary contributions can be made in part, or over a longer period. We very much value your support, which enables us to offer all our children a very wide range of activities, which greatly enhance their learning experience.

### Emailed Homework

Children should not email their homework into school. If homework is produced on a computer, it should be printed off at home, and handed in as hard copy. Alternatively, the homework can be hand written.

## Walk to School Week

Next week is Walk to School Week, and we will be conducting class 'hands up' surveys each day to see how our children travelled to school. This is a really good opportunity to reinforce the message that walking is good for health, and for safety. As you will know, car parking in Church Street has been a concern for many years, and we have often asked parents/carers to put the safety of children first and park a few minutes away at the British Legion Car Park. A [letter](#) from Lincolnshire Police was sent to parents in February, and the situation improved considerably for several months.



Unfortunately, I have had a number of recent reports of parking issues in Church Street again. If you currently park in Church Street—please don't—by walking from the British Legion you will be making the journey safer for everyone, and setting a good example to your children. Walk to School Week is a good time to change! As ever, many thanks to those of you who walk to school with your children, from home or the British Legion car park. We will let you know the results of the Walk to School Week Surveys on our next Newsletter.

## Holiday and out of school opportunities

We are happy to signpost activities or opportunities for our children and their families—however, parents /carers must always satisfy themselves of the suitability of an activity for their child, and signposting should not be taken to be a recommendation. You can find out about current opportunities, and holiday activities [here](#).

## Surplus Items.

As a result of the changes to lunchtime arrangements, we have needed to create additional storage, and are therefore disposing of some items which are surplus to requirements:



### Electric Organ

This item was kindly donated to the school some time ago, but unfortunately we do not have a use for it in school. We are very pleased to have been able to donate it to Barrowby Church, where it will remain available for us to use for school services and events.



### Staging—looking for a good home.

We have 4 x 4ft x 8ft interlocking stage sections—available together or separately.

They fold up for storage, as seen (right).



We also have some fabric skirting that conceals the metal parts when the stage is in use. We would be happy to donate these to a community organisation, together, or individually.

## Our School 100 Years Ago.... an extract from the Log Book, May 1914

22 May

Empire Day was observed today, and for about an hour work was suspended, and an address was given by the Head Teacher.

29 May

During the past week the head teacher has examined the remaining class subjects which show satisfactory progress.

School closed this afternoon for the Whitsuntide Holidays—until Wednesday.

