



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

March 2014

2nd Edition

DIARY DATES
Diary 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 any new dates.

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



Tuesday 25 March
Grantham Church Schools' Festival for Year 4 children.

Thursday 27 & Friday 28 March

Year 5 Bikeability Course

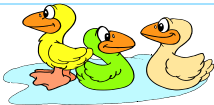


Friday 28 March

Year 1/2 Class Assembly

Monday 31 March

Nick Williams—
Living World presentations for all children.



Tuesday 1 April

Team and Class Photos.



Wednesday 2 April

M&M Productions present
Alice in Wonderland for all children.



Thursday 3 April

High 5 Netball Tournament.

Monday 31 March—Friday 4 April

Sponsored Events Week in school.

Friday 4 April

School Easter Service and Reception Easter Hat Parade.

Parents of Reception children are invited to join us at 9.15am. School closes at 3.15pm.



Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful couple of weeks, we have all enjoyed at our school! Here is some information about recent, and forthcoming events in school and our community, as we enter the last two weeks of this term. I would also like to thank you for your support of our road safety campaign—the congestion in Church Street has been greatly reduced—well done everyone!

Mr L Batey
Headteacher



Events in School

Parent/Teacher Consultations

It was good to see so many of you in school over the course of our two consultation evenings. As well as offering two Parent/Consultation each year, you are welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher at other times if you have any concerns, or need to talk about anything which may be affecting your child.

Inspire+ Legacy Tour

This week, children in Key Stage 2 have been participating in a range of additional physical activities, as part of our Legacy Tour preparations. On 20th March, Key Stage 2 children shared a very special assembly when they were visited by Inspire+ Ambassador and London 2012 Paralympian, Sam Ruddock. Sam shared his amazing story about how he got involved in athletics and started training as a 100m and 200m sprinter less than one year before the London Paralympics, and then 'getting the call' to represent his country, at the recent games.



The Tour arrives

On 21 March, Young Ambassadors from Isaac Newton School visited us to take part in a whole school assembly, and pass on the Inspire+ baton, as part of this year's Olympic Legacy Tour. As part of the visit, our children were set the challenge to become physically active for 60 minutes a day!

Our Year 6 Young Ambassadors will be continuing the tour, on Tuesday 25th March, by visiting Spitalgate School.



Team and Class Photos

All children will need to be in their smartest uniform for our class photos on 1st April—please make sure they have their school sweatshirt or cardigan in school, and their black school shoes. If your child is in a sports team, please ensure that they have their PE kit in school. All musicians will also need to have their instruments in school. Photo days are always very busy, and we may not be able to phone home for children who have forgotten their kit or instrument.

Netball

Our Netball Team took part in a High 5 Netball Tournament on 13 March at Priory Ruskin Academy. Their results were: Barkston 4 Barrowby 3 Marston 4 Barrowby 3. Well done to our team for trying their best, we are all so proud.

Bikeability

The first two of our three planned 'Bikeability' cycle training courses for Year 5 have now taken place—the final course is on 27-28 March.

On completion of the course, children are awarded a certificate of attendance, for completing either Level 1 or Level 2. Where children have attained the required standard they also receive a badge. Where children have not quite mastered the required skills, we add this information to the certificate, for clarity. Please do not assume that children who have taken the course are entirely safe to ride unaccompanied on the road—this must always remain a decision for parents to make, based on their knowledge of their child.

If you would like your child to cycle to and/or from school either accompanied by you, or alone, please complete a [permission form](#), and return it to school. Please note that only children who have successfully completed Level 2 of Bikeability, or an equivalent course, may cycle unaccompanied.



We are also sending home today information about a free 'Kids' Bike Club' offered by Halfords to Key Stage 2 children—this will run in the Easter holidays, teaching basic bike maintenance and bike safety.

Road Safety

As you know, we are always looking for ways to improve safety for our children, including their journey to and from school. We have recently met with Sara Bartlett from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to discuss possible ways to improve safety, and encourage healthy and environmentally friendly ways of travelling to and from school. We discussed a number of possible future developments, including renewing of the school safety zone road markings, and the possibility of recruiting a school crossing patrol, or re-starting a Walking Bus. Ms Bartlett will be providing us with more information about these possible future developments after Easter, and we will keep you informed of our progress.

Sponsored Events Week Dance



At the end of our Sponsored Events Week, Monday 31 March-Friday 4 April, all children will be taking part in a mass dance event. We would like all the children to know the dance by Friday 4 April, and we thought it would be fun for families to help their children practise the dance—you can follow the video [here](#)!



Monster Biscuits

Children in Year 3 having been being creative by designing and decorating biscuits with a monster theme, as part of their 'Monsters, Myths, and Legends Topic'. Well done everyone, they looked delicious!

Handwriting

Recently, several parents have enquired about supporting their child's development in handwriting. We support all our children by helping them to develop a fluent and cursive handwriting style. As they progress through our school and their handwriting style becomes consistent, and in line with our [expectations outlined in our policy](#), our older children will be given the opportunity to use either a pencil or pen, within their work, dependent on the task.

You will also find information about pencil hold and posture and examples of letter shapes and sizes in the curriculum booklets which you were given at the beginning of the school year—you can find these on your child's [class page](#) on our website. For children in Key Stage 1, our 'I can write my name' booklet, which you can find [here](#), provides very useful information about handwriting posture and grip.

I hope you will find this information helpful, but if you have any questions, please make an appointment to speak to you child's teacher.

Staffing

I am delighted to let you know about two recent new arrivals:

Mrs Wright's baby arrived on 11 March—a little girl, who has been named Lily. We were all delighted to meet Lily when Mrs Wright visited us this week. Our IT Consultant, Mr Reeder-Smith, has also recently become father to a little girl, Emily.



Our congratulations, and very best wishes go to both the new families.



Easter Holiday Activities

We are happy to signpost children's and community activities - however, we cannot endorse any event. We are pleased to provide information about Easter activities for children in our village and the wider community - you can find our more [here](#).

*Our School 100 Years Ago...
an extract from the Log Book,
March -April 1914*

March 31 The closure for measles is extended until April 15.

April 3 Received schemes for Gardening and Woodwork approved by H.M.I. and the L.E.A.

April 6 I have received a New Zealand flag—presented to the school by an old scholar—Mr J. Bloodworth.

