



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

February 2014

1st 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.

**Thursday 13 February**  
School closes for children, for half term.

**Monday 24 February**  
School re-opens.



**Friday 28 February**  
Colsterworth Music Festival at The Meres 9.00am



**Thursday 6 and Friday 7 March**  
Year 5 Bikeability Course



**Tuesday 11 & Wednesday 19 March**  
Parent Consultation Evenings



**Thursday 27 & Friday 28 March**  
Year 5 Bikeability Course

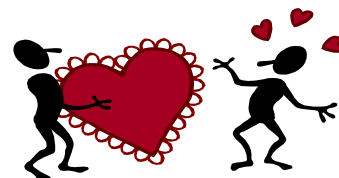


**Friday 28 March**  
Year 1/2 Class Assembly

Dear Parents/Carers

Here is some news and information about things that are going on in school. Half term is already upon us and I hope you enjoy the break—perhaps it will even stop raining for a while!

Mr L Batey Headteacher



## Events in School

### Swimming

On Saturday 8th Feb it was a very early start for many of our children and their families, as they helped celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Grantham Rotary Swimarathon. Barrowby School entered a team of 51 members! This was made up mainly of Key Stage 2 children with extra support from one member of Key Stage 3 staff, 4 older siblings, 4 dads, 1 mum and 1 granddad!

During their 45 minute swim, a staggering 1104 lengths were swum, an amazing 17.14 miles! As always this was a fantastic event and Mrs Webster is very proud of all those that took part.

I would also like to thank everyone who took part in, or supported this event, especially Mrs Webster, who once again organised this event for our school. We have supported the Swimarathon for many years now, helping them to raise money for local charities and good causes. Please collect in all sponsor money, and bring it to school as soon as possible, and by Friday 28 February at the latest. Any cheques should be made payable to Barrowby School.

We will let you know the total raised by our school as soon as possible.

Our Swimarathon Team is pictured below.



## Swimming (continued)

Congratulations also to our Swimming Gala Team, who came second overall in the Grantham Large Schools' Gala at the Meres Leisure Centre on 4th February. They were a credit to our school, and we are very proud of them. This year, our team competed wearing our new school colour swim hats for the first time.

Our successful team are pictured below.



## A tasty 'weigh' to learn!

Children in Year 4 have all had the chance to make delicious Grantham Gingerbread (with a little help from Mrs Bird), as part of their numeracy lessons, applying the knowledge learnt in class about reading scales to life experiences. The children were shown different types of scales and discuss the standard metric and imperial weights, as well as using their knowledge to convert between grams and kilograms. Then the children weighed out the ingredients independently (even if it was wrongly weighed out, no adult help was given!) and discussed whether they had the right weight with their group. After making the gingerbreads in their small group, the children washed and dried all of the equipment!

The children really enjoyed the whole process and it has really helped their understanding of scales and how to read them.

Here is the recipe, if parents would like to make these at home with their children.

### Ingredients

- 450g Caster sugar
- 225g Butter
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 450g Plain flour
- ½ Teaspoon Bicarbonate of soda
- 1 Teaspoon Baking powder
- ½ Teaspoon Ground ginger

### Method

Cream the sugar and butter together.

Beat in the egg.

Sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder and ground ginger together.

Fold into the creamed mixture.

Make into small balls or drop by teaspoon onto an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake at 150 °C / 300 °F / Gas 2 for 20 minutes or until light brown.



### Secondary Liaison—Mathematics

Year 5 and 6 children will be working with a Maths teacher from Priory Ruskin Academy after half term. Exploring problem solving in a range of contexts. I am very pleased to be able to offer our children this opportunity to work with a Secondary Maths specialist.

### Hot School Meals Questionnaire

Thank you if you have already returned your completed questionnaire—if you haven't done so yet, please return it as soon as possible. We want to hear your views, and, so that we can continue our planning for September, get as full a picture of possible of what the uptake of meals might be.

At the moment, most people who have responded indicate that their child would have school meals on some days, and continue to bring a packed lunch on others.

We will let you have the full results of the survey in due course.

### Keeping your child safe online

Unfortunately, I have recently had some reports of issues that have arisen when children have been online at home. Please refer to our [E-safety Leaflet](#) for advice on keeping your child safe online. We would always advise that parents/carers supervise their children's use of the internet to ensure that it is both safe, and appropriate.

### Traffic and Parking in Church Street

A number of parents have contacted us to express their support for our recent letter regarding the hazards caused by parents/carers bringing their cars into Church Street, and to tell us that they will report any dangerous incidents to our PCSO. Thank you for your support, which is very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, even since this letter, parents have been observed parking in Church Street as early as 8.15am! We can only ask them, once again, to make use of the car park at the British Legion.



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

*Feb 2: From today afternoon school commences at 1.55pm.*

*The salary of the Head Teacher has been raised from £105 with house and rates to £110 with house and rates, and that of Miss Deville from £65 to £67-10.*

*Feb 4: Diocesan examinations by the Rev. R.. H. Bagnall. As usual school did not meet this afternoon.*

*Feb 6: Received a piano for the school*

*Feb 12: May Morris, Robert Pearce and Harold Spencer passed the Labour Exam. One boy failed.*

*Feb 13: The following report has been received: Estimate of School in regard to Religious Knowledge as a whole 'very good'.*