



Barrowby Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

As another very busy and successful term ends, and we go our separate ways for the Christmas Holidays, I thought it would be good to share a few of our Christmas highlights with you. As always, staff, children, and FOBS have all worked immensely hard to produce a wonderful Christmas in school, which is not only a lot of fun for our children, but also an important part of their spiritual development, as we reflect on the events of the first Christmas, and the message of peace and goodwill which is at its heart.

This week, our choir has been to The George Centre in Grantham to sing carols, and, as ever, they were a great credit to the school. This event supports St Barnabas Hospice, and over £550 was raised by schools' carol singing. We have also enjoyed our Christmas parties, with a visit from Santa for the younger children, and the West Midlands Children's Theatre production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Yesterday, all our children took part in a very enjoyable 'Potted Sports' day in school. This morning, to end the term, we celebrated our Christmas service in Barrowby Church.

Although our celebrations in school are coming to an end, you can find details of services at Barrowby Church on the third page of this newsletter. A Christmas message to church schools from the Bishop of Lincoln can also be read [here](#).

We have lots of exciting things planned for the new year, and we will be sharing these with you on our return to school—don't forget that term starts for children on Tuesday 7 January 2014!

I would like to thank everyone in our
School Community for their support over the past term,
and to wish you all a very
*Merry Christmas,
and Happy New Year.*

Mr L Batey
Headteacher



Staffing

We say goodbye to Mrs Roe at the end of term—I would like to thank her for her years of commitment and service to our school, and wish her every happiness in the future.

Mr Hobbs is also leaving us, due to other commitments— I would like to thank him for his contribution to lunchtimes over the past term.

In January, we will be welcoming four new members of staff— Mrs Carter, Miss Kiely, and Mrs Humphries (Teaching Assistants) and Mrs Hardwick (Midday Supervisor). We look forward to working with them.

Electronic Payments System (ParentMail +Pay)

We will be gradually 'rolling out' our new electronic 'payments' facility in the new year, beginning with Year 4 swimming in January—Year 4 parents have received a letter regarding this.

We will be offering this facility for voluntary donations and payments (as appropriate) as they arise in future. This will give parents the choice of making their donation or payment online, or, as at present, direct to school, whichever you find most convenient.

We will continue to use the online ordering system already in place for uniform purchases.

Violin Lessons

We have one place for a new beginner for violin lessons. If your child is in Key Stage 2, and you would like them to be considered for this place, please contact the school office by 9 January.

Children generally learn in groups of two or three children. Lessons are provided by a teacher from Lincolnshire County Music Service, and cost £5.43 per week plus an £12 annual fee for hire of a violin.

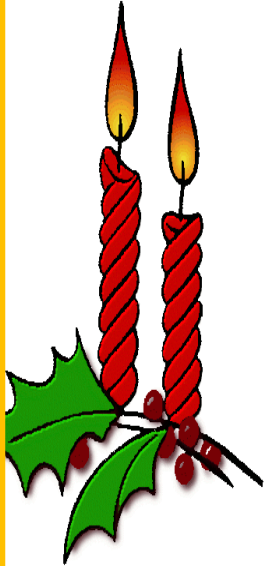
Admissions

The closing date for admissions to Reception in September 2014 is 12 noon on 13 January. You need to apply to Lincolnshire County Council by this date, even if you already have a child at the school.





AT BARROWBY CHURCH.



Sunday 22 December

8.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

*Our traditional service of carols old and new,
and bible readings telling of God's wonderful
purpose in sending His son to us.
Followed by coffee and mince pies.*



Christmas Eve

10.30am A Birthday Party for Jesus!

*A short, fun and informal time of worship for children –
but grown-ups can come too!*

Balloons, Birthday Cake, Puppets, and much more.



11.30pm Midnight Communion



Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Worship

*Pop the turkey in the oven
and bring the whole
family to celebrate
the birth of Jesus!*



Sunday 29 December

9.30am Morning Worship

*After all the excitement – a time of peaceful
music and reflection
on God's wonderful gift.*