



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter



December 2013 1st Edition



Dear Parents/Carers

All the excitement of Christmas has arrived at Barrowby School! Children from every year group joined me in the hall to decorate our Christmas Tree, which now looks very festive, and has helped us to be ready for all our Christmas events, beginning with our KS1 Nativity performances 'Gabriel's Big Break'. If you were in the audience, I'm sure that you will agree that this was a truly heart-warming start to the Christmas season.



Next week, we are all looking forward to our Key Stage 2 production, 'Holy Joe!' I would also like to thank you all for your very generous donations of raffle prizes and mince pies, for our Christmas events.

Mr L Batey Headteacher

### Events in School

#### Key Stage 2 Disco

Key Stage 2 children had a great time at their disco in November—thank you to parents for their raffle donations, FOBS, and school staff for making this such a successful event.



#### Indian Experience

On 2nd December, our children took part in an assembly presentation about Indian culture and Hinduism. Year 5 then enjoyed a day of workshops which included art activities, and a range of Indian dances.

#### Key Stage 1 Nativity

Thank you to all our Reception and Key Stage 1 children and staff for their hard work and dedication, which resulted in such a wonderful production, and thanks to our parents for their continued support, and FOBS for producing photographs and giving their time to support with refreshments and the raffle!



#### Choir Festival

Our choir is performing at Walton Girls' High School this evening, as part of their Christmas Carol Festival. I am sure that, as in previous years, they will be a credit to the school in every way.

#### Key Stage 2 Christmas performance

We are looking forward to sharing our production of 'Holy Joe— an unsung hero' with you next week. There are just a very few tickets left for the 1.45pm performance—please email school if you would like one. Please remember that all audience members must produce their ticket upon arrival.

#### Governors

Staff and governors met together on 26 November to make a presentation to Mark Newton, who retired as Chair at the beginning of term. New Chair, Fiona Barney, thanked him for his long years of service to school, on behalf of all governors and staff.

#### Netball results

High Five Tournament 2nd Round: Barrowby 1 Great Ponton 4  
Barrowby 5 Belmont 0

Well done to our team!

### DIARY DATES

Diary dates for the School Year 2013-2014 can be found on the school website.

[CLICK HERE](#)

to go to the calendar.

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

#### Thursday 12

#### December

Key Stage 2 Performance 'Holy Joe'

1.45 pm & 6.00pm

In Barrowby Church.

Admission by ticket only.



#### Wednesday 18

#### December

Party and Panto Day



#### Friday 20 December

School Christmas Service

School closes.



Please see page 3 of this Newsletter for Christmas events at Barrowby Church.

#### Tuesday 7 January 2014

Term 3 begins for children.





## School Information

### **Morrisons 'Let's Grow'**

We collected a total of 3374 vouchers—thank you. Our order has now been submitted, and we have also received an early Christmas present from Morrison's in Grantham—a £25 donation, and a range of cookery equipment—our thanks to them for their kind support.



## **Questionnaires**

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent questionnaires. We have now completed our analysis of the Reception Entry questionnaire, and you can read the results [here](#). We will share the results of our School Photograph questionnaire with you in the new year.

## **Sickness Absence**

Although there are a lot of exciting things happening in school at the moment, the colder weather inevitably brings an increase in infectious illnesses among the children as well. We do our best to reduce the spread of infection in school, including reminding children to wash their hands regularly, and providing antibacterial hand wash in classrooms. Please help us by reinforcing the need for good hygiene with your children at home, and by keeping children at home when they are at their most infectious. In particular, please don't send children to school for a full 24 hours after the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea.



## **Extra Curricular Clubs**

A reminder that all clubs finish for the term today, unless you have been notified otherwise.



### **Cleaner vacancy**

We still have a vacancy for an after school cleaner. The post is advertised [here](#) on our website. Although we are ideally looking for someone to work Monday to Friday, we would be happy to consider fewer hours, or a job share for this post. An application form can be downloaded from the website, or contact the school office if you are interested.

## **Photo Consent Form**

Thank you for completing our revised form. This was revised to take account of the increased use of Social Media, an area which is changing and developing very fast. In response to a few queries, we have made minor revisions to the form, for greater clarity. You can view the revised form [here](#). If you have already returned a form, there is no need for you to do so again.

## **Winter Weather**

School will remain open unless conditions are extremely severe. **Please make sure that you are registered with [ParentMail2](#), and that you update your details whenever necessary**, as both e-mail and text messages, during periods of bad weather, will be sent to you via ParentMail2.



## **Admissions to Barrowby School**

Applications can be made now for 2014 entry, via Lincolnshire County Council's [website](#). The deadline is 12 noon on 13 January 2014. You will still need to apply, even if you already have a child at school here.

## **Pupil Premium**

You can read our latest Pupil Premium report [here](#).

# CHRISTMAS IN OUR COMMUNITY

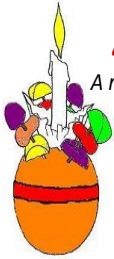


## AT BARROWBY CHURCH.

### Sunday 15 December

#### **4.30pm Families Carols and Christingle Service**

A relaxed Families Service style carol service – 'hands free' and suitable for all ages. Followed by refreshments.



### 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.

## Especially for families this Christmas at Barrowby Church

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Come and  
find out all  
about the  
Christingle!

**See you  
there!**

## Grantham Scouts

### Christmas Post 2013

#### **Have your cards delivered by Grantham and District Scouts**

Deliveries to all NG31 areas of Grantham and Great Gonerby, plus Barrowby, Harlaxton, Ancaster, Colsterworth and Bottesford.

Stamps on sale from Monday 18th November. Stamps may be purchased and cards posted at the places listed opposite.



Brewer's Electrical, 1/2 Greyfriars.  
Grantham Library, Isaac Newton Centre.  
Melton Mowbray Building Society, 43 High St.  
G. Skinner & Sons Butchers, Barrowby.  
McColl's 173-175 New Beacon Rd.  
Day-Today News, Rushcliffe Rd.  
Barrowbygate Pharmacy, 176 Winchester Rd.  
Gonerby Groceries.  
Cards for Good Causes, George Centre.  
John Beatty Motors, Castlegate  
Pizzini, 5 High Street Bottesford



**Still  
only 20p**  
40p large cards and  
calendars

Please Note  
**First Collection**  
Wednesday 4th December  
**Last Collection**  
Wednesday 18th December

Grantham & District Scout Association gratefully acknowledge the support and sponsorship of all the participating companies

## BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER @ 3PM

SANTA MEETS THE CHILDREN (3.30PM-5PM)

MAGIC SHOW

CHRISTMAS SONGS

WITH THE ABBE MOORE CHOIR.

**A FAMILY EVENT FOR ALL AGES  
AT THE READING ROOM, BARROWBY**



**MINCE PIES, HOT DOGS  
MULLED WINE AND SOFT DRINKS**