



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

November 2013 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.
You will receive fur-
ther information
about forth coming
events nearer the

**Thursday 14
November**

Reception Parents'
Curriculum Meeting
2.00pm-refreshments
available.



Boys' Football Festival
at Priory Ruskin Acad-

**Wednesday 27
November**



Key Stage 2 Disco

Thursday 5 December

Key Stage 1 Nativity
Performance 1.45pm

Friday 6 December

Key Stage 1 Nativity
Performance 1.45pm

Primary Schools' Choir
Festival

**Thursday 12
December**

Key Stage 2
Christmas Event
2.00pm & 6.00pm
In Barrowby Church

**Wednesday 18
December**



Party and Panto Day

Friday 20 December

School Christmas
Service

**Tuesday 7 January
2014**

Term 3 begins for

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back for the second part of the Autumn Term. As you can see, our sports teams have already been very active since our return. There are lots of events coming up in school and the community over the next few weeks, and I look forward to meeting many of you during this term, and as we prepare for Christmas.

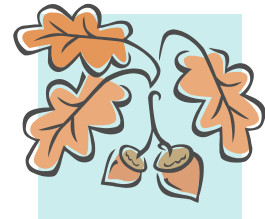
*Mr L Batey
Headteacher*

Events in School

Sport

Sports Committee and Golden Mile Initiative

Our [Sports Committee](#) are committed to involve others and enthuse their peers about sport. Part of their Sports role this year is to inspire and encourage our Year 3 children through physical activity with the focus on fun and rewarding personal achievement. Year 3 children will be participating in the 'Golden Mile', which is a safe, simple and measurable health & physical activity accessible to all regardless of age or ability. It is a fun way to encourage children to be more active by walking, running or jogging along a track at playtimes and lunch times. Our Year 3 children will be taking part in the Golden Mile challenge this year and will be challenged to complete up to 50 miles in total! This week the sports committee attended training for the Golden Mile initiative at Belton Lane Primary School and hope to launch this next week. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about Sport at our school.



Girls' Football Festival

Our girls' Football Team took part in the Grantham Large Schools' Football Tournament on Barrowby Low Fields on 31 October. Our team played with great enthusiasm, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We were placed second in their pool, and eighth overall—well done girls and thank you!



High 5 Netball League

The Netball season has begun and we are very proud of the recent results, of our first tournament:

Barrowby 3 Long Bennington 2
Barrowby 8 Belmont 0
Barrowby 11 Harlaxton 0

Well done to everyone who participated.



Badminton

Last week, a group of six children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended the Bisi Badminton Festival at KGGS. The children had great fun trying out lots of different games and developing their badminton and team work skills. A total of nine schools took part and we did very well coming in fourth place.

Year 5 class assembly

Last Friday, we were all thoroughly entertained by our Year 5 children, during their class assembly. A big well done to: all our children for creating a fun collection of memories from their recent visit to PGL as well as their parents for supporting with costumes and props. Throughout the year, all classes will present to their parents, in the form of a class assembly, watch out for yours!



Story Chair and Seating

On Thursday, we were pleased to welcome former Headteacher Mrs West, together with governors, members of the FOBS committee, and former pupils, to officially 'open' our Storytelling Area. The Story Seat was a gift to the school from Mrs West when she retired last year, and the children's seating has been installed in memory of a former pupil, Pierre Barnes, and purchased with a donation from [FOBS](#) and funds from our 2010 Year 6 Legacy Gift.

We were very pleased that Mrs Barnes was also able to join us for this event. A Memory Box which was made by his former classmates at Barrowby School was also buried, as a 'Time Capsule'.



This new area provides a very special place among the trees, and near to our Wildlife Area, for our children to enjoy stories and storytelling and acts as a base for outdoor learning.



Pupil Leadership -Playground Leaders

Over the past term, our Year 6 children have been developing their skills to become 'Playground Leader'. The Playground Leaders are responsible for creating and supervising games for our younger children during playtimes and lunchtimes. Our Year 6 Playground Leaders very much enjoy their role—they say: ' We think that we can help younger children to become more imaginative, active and confident and it encourages them to make new friends.'

The scheme also encourages responsibility and independence in our Year 6 children, and reinforces our sense of being a 'school family'. This week, the Playground Leaders have been working with our Reception children. They said: "the games were excellent!" "Amazing" and "Exciting". We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, can't wait to play the games again! Thank you Year 6!

Volunteers

Our thanks to everyone who has come into school this term, or who is doing so on an on-going basis:

Mrs Stanley - Thursday and Friday afternoons Year 1/2 classes

Mr Connor – Tuesday mornings to paint benches

Mrs Dar – 9/10/2013 – Talk to Year 6 pupils about Islam, linked to their RE work

Mrs Cooley – 27/9/2013 – Talk to Year 3 about Victorians, linked to topic

We also have students from local Secondary Schools undertaking work experience placements with us, and continue to work in partnership with Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln, to provide teacher student placements.

Royal Mail Christmas Stamp Competition

Some of children recently took part in the competition to design this year's Christmas stamps. Unfortunately, we didn't win, but you can view the entries [here](#). You can search for our entries by entering the first part of our post-code.

Key Stage 2 Disco

The Disco is on **Wednesday 27 November from 3.30-5.00pm**. Thank you to FOBS for organising this popular event. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 20 November, and cost £2 each.



[School Information](#)

Admissions to Barrowby School

I am offering parents of prospective pupils the opportunity for an individual visit to the school, by appointment. These are currently being booked for Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please contact the school office for further information.

Applications have to be made via Lincolnshire County Council, preferably via their [website](#). Applications can be made from 19 November 2013 for 2014 entry. 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.



First Aid

We have been reviewing our first aid procedures to see how the recent changes have been going, and are pleased that these seem to be working very well. Notes are still being sent home to parents, as appropriate, and book bags should still be checked for these.

If an incident is more serious than parents will be contacted by telephone. Please make sure that we always have your up to date contact details to enable us to contact you swiftly.

Key Stage 1 & 2 Choir

Both Choirs are busily preparing for our Christmas celebrations and have already committed to a range of performances both in school and within the community. To help the pupils learn the songs, please click [here](#) for Key Stage 1 choir, and [here](#) for Key Stage 2 choir, to access lyrics and backing tracks, so that the children can learn the songs at home. We're very much looking forward to sharing these with you over the Christmas period!

Encouraging Independence

We work hard in school to encourage independence skills in our children, from the earliest years, to help prepare them for life, and to look after themselves. I would like to ask you to help us with this, by encouraging your children to be independent at the beginning of the school day: please let them bring everything they need for the day into the playground with them, rather than bringing it to the front office for them. Any items that are brought to the school office will be kept there for children to collect. This is a small way in which we can encourage our children to develop a sense of personal responsibility, which will be very valuable to them throughout life. Of course, we do know that very occasionally you will need to help your child bring something into school—one of those very splendid holiday projects, for example—but please make this the exception rather than the rule.

Winter is Coming! Are your ParentMail2 contact details up to date?

Although we hope that we won't have too much wintry weather—at least before Christmas—we would like to remind you that school will remain open unless conditions are extremely severe. However, please make sure that you are registered with [ParentMail2](#), and that you update your details whenever necessary, as messages during periods of bad weather will be sent to you via ParentMail2.



Vacancies

We currently have vacancies in school at the moment for a Midday Supervisor, and Teaching Assistants—you can find details of them [here](#).

Fundraising

Morrisons Vouchers

Please bring any remaining Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers into school as soon as possible, so that we can count them and place our order! This year, we will be focussing on extra equipment to help us prepare and cook the crops we grow. You can read more about 'Let's Grow' [here](#).



Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support of our Royal British Legion poppy appeal in school. The service for Remembrance Sunday at Barrowby Church begins at 10.45am. We will be observing 2 minutes silence in school on Monday 11 November.

Operation Christmas Child

Today, 8 November, was the closing date for bringing your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to school—thank you for your generous response.

If you haven't quite finished your box, or would like to fill one over the weekend—there's still time! The boxes are going to be collected from school at 3.30pm on Monday 11 November..

