



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 17 October

School closes for half term



Monday 28 October.

School opens for children

Friday 1 November

Year 5 PGL assembly. Year 5 parents are invited to join us at 9.15am

Thursday 14 November

Reception Parents' Curriculum Meeting 2.00pm- refreshments available.



Boys' Football Festival at Priory Ruskin Academy 1.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 27 November

Key Stage 2 Disco 3.30-5.00pm



Thursday 5 December

Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 1.30pm

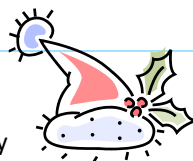
Friday 6 December

Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 1.30pm

Primary Schools' Choir Festival

Thursday 12 December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Event 2.00pm & 6.00pm



Wednesday 18 December

Party and Panto Day

Friday 20 December

School Christmas Service
School closes.

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that it is half term already! The last few weeks have been very busy, with class visits, Harvest, and, of course, our Book Fair. I have also enjoyed having the opportunity to talk to many of you when you have come into school for Parent/Teacher Consultations, which, as ever, were very well attended—thank you.

When we return after the holiday, we have a very busy and exciting term to look forward to, as Christmas approaches!

I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term holiday.

Mr L Batey
Headteacher



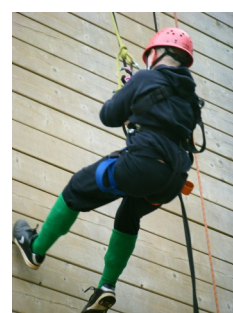
Events in School

Parent Governor Election

Our election for two new Parent/Governors finished on 11 October. I would like to thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve the school community as governors, which is a role which requires a high level of commitment. As a result of the election we welcome Mr Ladva and Mr Nicholls to the governing body, and I look forward to working with them.

Residential Visit to PGL Caythorpe

Here are a few pictures of what Years 4 and 5 did on their recent residential visit. From the next school year, this residential opportunity will be available to Year 4 children (current Year 3), and we will provide more information about this shortly.



FOBS AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the FOBS AGM last evening. Committee members for this year are: Mrs Warren (Chair) Mrs Thompson (Vice Chair) Ms Macbeth (Secretary) Mrs Gray (Treasurer) and Mr Connor—my thanks to them for their commitment to our school. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about FOBS.

Help found!

Many thanks to Mr Connor for offering to paint our picnic benches! This will be carried out on a Tuesday morning, 9-12pm-if anyone else would like to help.



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.

Secondary Transfer Process

The choice of a secondary school is a very important decision, which parents have had the opportunity to discuss in school at our recent Parent Teacher Consultations. Children who took part in the 11+ examinations have now had the results. 50% of children in Year 6 have qualified for a grammar school place.

Requesting an absence during the school day—new procedure

For all planned absences, including medical appointments such as hospital appointments, which are known in advance, and Year 6 visits to secondary schools, please complete a **Request for Absence** form, which you will find [here](#).

For sickness absence, or unplanned medical appointments (e.g. a doctor's appointment at short notice) please telephone, send a note to school, or email. Where possible, please make routine appointments for your child outside of school time.



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

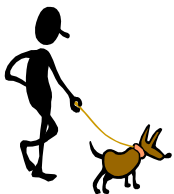
E-Safety Presentation

The presentation was available to parents during our recent Parent/Teacher consultations, and I hope that you had an opportunity to watch it. If you missed it, or would like to see it again, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Childline

The ChildLine Schools Service has recently visited children in Years 5 and 6 to provide them with key messages about keeping safe. It can be beneficial for these messages to be reinforced at home. The NSPCC has developed some guides for **all** parents of primary school aged children to speak to their child about keeping safe – called the Underwear rule. You can find guides to the Underwear Rule to help you have simple conversations about keeping safe from abuse at www.nspcc.org.uk/underwear. You can speak to an advisor for further advice or request a hard-copy guide for parents and carers by phoning the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000. You can also visit www.nspcc.org.uk/parents for other advice on keeping your child safe.

Dogs



Further to our previous newsletter, item regarding dogs in and around school, I have had reports of a dog owner standing very close to the school gate, with a dog that was barking—this frightened a Reception child who was then reluctant to leave school. Please bear in mind that children may not be comfortable around dogs, especially if they are behaving in a way which seems threatening to a child. Please don't stand close to where children have to walk, and move your dog away from children if it's behaviour might be frightening to them.

Cars and Parking

As we move towards the colder and wetter weather, could I ask **all** parents to support us in trying to keep our children safe on the way to and from school. Parking is available to parents/carers at the British Legion Car Park, and we ask that you use this and do not bring your car into Church Street. Despite many requests and reminders, Church Street is still dangerously congested at the beginning and end of school. We have noticed parents parking in Church Street up to 45 minutes before the end of the school day, sometimes with engines left running. This creates dangerous congestion, and also means that children walking down Church Street are breathing in exhaust fumes. The Legion Car Park is only a few minutes walk from school, so there is no need for parents to park in Church Street.



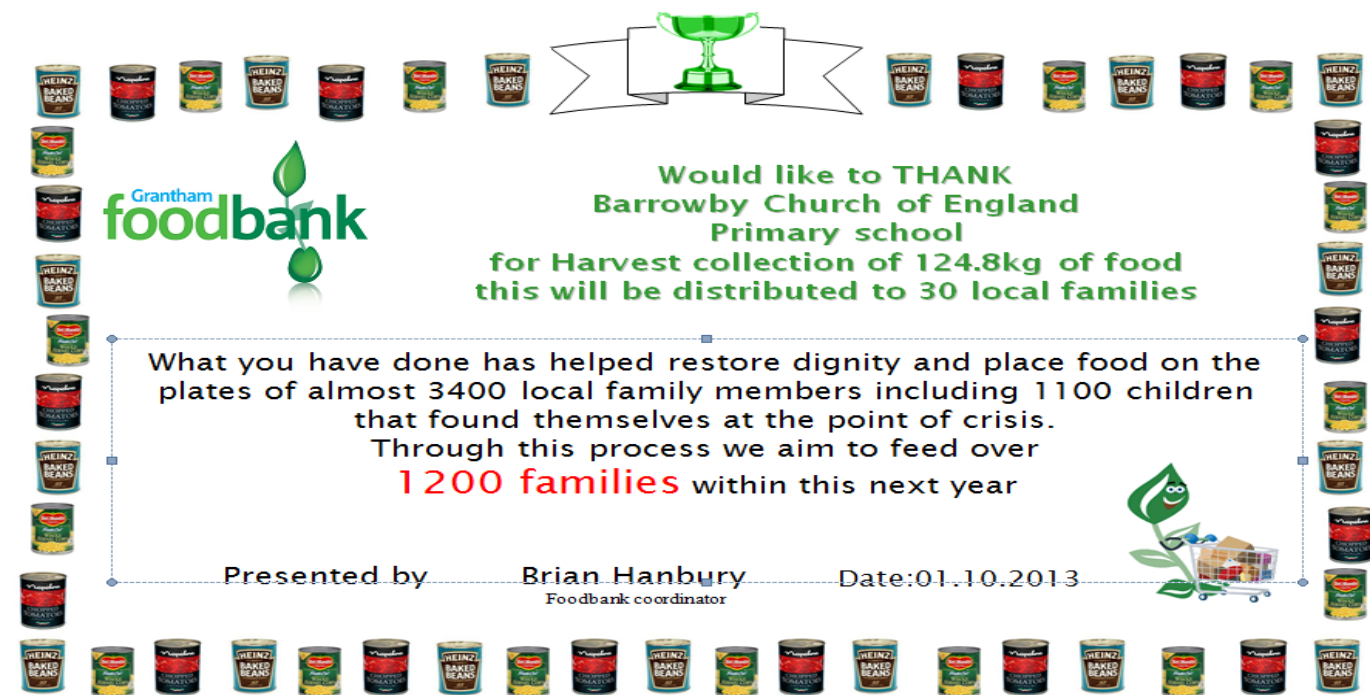
Please put the safety of our children first!

[Our thanks to the majority of parents/carers who support us by not parking in Church Street.](#)

FUNDRAISING

Harvest

Thank you for your generous contributions.




Grantham foodbank

Would like to **THANK**
Barrowby Church of England Primary school
for Harvest collection of **124.8kg of food**
this will be distributed to **30 local families**

What you have done has helped restore dignity and place food on the plates of almost 3400 local family members including 1100 children that found themselves at the point of crisis.
Through this process we aim to feed over
1200 families within this next year

Presented by **Brian Hanbury** Date: 01.10.2013
Foodbank coordinator



Bookfair



Our Bookfair has been a great success again this year—thank you for your support, and particularly to FOBS members who helped to run the fair after school. The total amount raised was £1552.87—our best result ever!

Each class was able to choose over £100 worth of books for their class library from the commission earned during the Fair. In addition, parents sponsored 24 books for their children's class libraries—thank you for your generosity.

I hope you also enjoyed exploring our Castle, which has been used for storytelling and other activities during the Fair.

Operation Christmas Child

Half Term is a great time to collect all the things you will need to fill your shoebox.

Our children have so many wonderful opportunities, as the Operation Christmas Child boxes are a way of sharing those good things with children who live very different lives.

Filled boxes need to be in school by **8 November**.
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

