

**DIARY DATES**  
Diary dates for the School  
Year 2013-2014 can be  
found on the school  
website. [CLICK HERE](#) to  
go to the calendar.

We have tried to give you as many dates as possible for the next school year, but please bear in mind that these dates many have to be adjusted nearer the time—we will only do this if we have to, and will let you know of any changes as soon as possible.

Other school events, and events organised by outside bodies will be added as the dates become available to us.

**Tuesday 23 July 2013**

**Last Day  
of  
School**

**Barrowby  
Scarecrow Festival  
and  
Open Gardens  
Saturday 31 August  
and  
Sunday 1 September**

**Gardens open 2.00pm-5.00pm  
each day.  
Admission by programme, available  
from the church or gardens displaying  
the  
daisy sign.  
Admission to gardens £2.50, in support  
of Barrowby Church .  
Accompanied children free.**

**Thursday 5 September**

First day of the Autumn  
Term for all children.

**BACK 2  
SCHOOL**



*Barrowby  
Church of England  
Primary School*



**Newsletter**

**July 2013 2nd Edition**

*Dear Parents/Carers*

*As we approach the summer holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements at Barrowby CE Primary School. Just under a year ago, I was honoured to take the lead in our outstanding primary school, charged with the responsibility of continuing to nurture its pupils, support their families and maintain our high standards.*

*It's been a 'steep learning curve,' one in which has had its challenges and immense rewards. I would like to thank the pupils, staff members, parents, Friends of the school, governors and wider community, who have helped to make this year a special year, not only for the school but for me too. Change is never easy and is fraught with challenges, some obvious and some less so. Yet, as I reflect over the year, I am thrilled at what we have achieved.*

*We continue to be proud of our pupils, the curriculum and the extra-curricular opportunities provided to enrich their learning, incorporating such elements as curricular opportunities, clubs, inter and intra-competition as well as the benefits of working with other schools. As a result, our pupils have continued to do well, which can be seen from their end of year results for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 which we are all immensely proud of.*

*I am also grateful for the continued support of our parents. Thanks to the generosity of our parents; parental contributions for both charitable contributions and fundraising have totalled £10, 200, this year which is an overwhelming amount of money. Thanks to this support, we are now able to purchase our new staging and sound equipment, for the benefit of all. Thank you.*

*I would also like to thank each member of staff for their invaluable support and guidance, throughout the year, especially Mrs Wright and Miss Sugden. It fills me with immense pride to work with such a dedicated and highly skilled team.*

*As we look forward, to next year, we hope to continue to build on our successes, one step at a time. Developing further opportunities for parents to become even more involved within the life of the school, through supporting school activities such as listening to readers, cooking, gardening, supporting visits, sharing experiences or by lending a helping hand, as well as supporting our pupils to continue to achieve their potential, as we all strive for excellence.*

*As our Year 6 pupils prepare to leave our school and continue on their journey, I am reminded of our school journey, this year.*

*It is a genuine honour and pleasure to work with the members of our school and its community, strengthening its position and continuing on 'our own journey'. I wish you all well and hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to working with you, over the course of the next academic year.*

*Mr L Batey  
Headteacher*

## RECENT EVENTS IN SCHOOL



### Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair took place on 5 July in the sunniest weather that many of can remember this event!

It was a very enjoyable and successful evening, which raised well over £2000 for our school.



The success of this fun event was due to a great deal of hard work by FOBS, School Staff, and our children—a huge thank you to all of you.



### Class Assemblies

Years 3 and 4 have welcomed parents to their class assemblies recently, as the final part of their topics.

Year 3 enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon for their colourful musical 'Safari Assembly', and Year 4 brought their topic vividly to life, through music, drama and dance, followed by tea and dancing.



### Digital Art Workshop

Year 6 enjoyed a day exploring Digital Art, working with a professional artist, on 9 July. This was arranged as part of our Arts Partnership with Walton Girls' High School. We hope to be able to develop this link further in the Autumn Term, and share some of the resulting work with you.



### Year1/2 visit to Woodside Falconry and Wildlife Centre

Our Year 1/Year 2 classes has the chance for some close encounters with a variety of wild creatures, including this snake, on their class visit on 4th July.

### Year 6 Prom

Year 6 had a wonderful time at their Leavers' Prom on 10 July. They raised the money for this very special event through their recent fundraising activities.

### 100m World Record Attempt

On 16 July we took part, with many other schools, in an attempt to create a new world record for the most people running 100m in an hour! We are waiting to hear if the attempt was successful.



## OTHER INFORMATION

### Staffing



Class arrangements for 2013-2014 are:

Reception/Year 1 Mrs Banfield

Reception/Year 1 Mrs Selby

Year 1/Year 2 Miss Sugden

Year 1/Year 2 Mrs Goodband/Mrs Tinkley

Year 3 Mrs Webster

Year 4 Miss Hakewill

Year 5 Mrs Wright

Year 6 Mrs Silby

We welcome Miss Hakewill to our staff team. She will be joining us in September to teach Year 4. I am also very pleased to tell you that Miss Sugden will be Acting Deputy Headteacher for the forthcoming year, pending a permanent appointment for September 2014 and Mrs Selby will be acting Key Stage 1 Team Leader. If you have children joining us in Reception, or moving into Year 1 or Year 2 in September, you will receive an individual letter today to tell you which class your child will be in from September.

It was lovely to see Mrs West in school for our Leavers' Assembly today. She has recently visited London, to have tea at The Ritz, and for a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace! She will also be taking a trip on the Orient Express very shortly. Mrs West would like to say another huge thank you to you all for these opportunities.

### Reports

I hope that you enjoy reading your child's report, which has been sent home today. Please remember to return your acknowledgement of receipt, together with any comments you would like to make.



### Mustard Seed Project

Thank you for supporting this project through buying 'bricks'. A message of thanks from Rita and Geoff Fowler, who run the project, is below.



Monday, 15 July 2013

Dear Barrowby Primary School,

Thank you so much for raising £99.10 for bricks for a new classroom at Miche Bora Primary School the school of Mustard Seed Project. You are two thirds of the way towards buying enough bricks for a classroom for the new school.

Thank you also for the messages on the bricks. Our children will write back to you when we go out there in October.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you all in September.



### Summer Holiday activities

You can find out about a range of signposted Summer Holiday activities on our website—please [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the extended activities page. Please read our 'signposting' statement, which you will also find on this page.