

DIARY DATES

Further information will follow nearer the time, where appropriate. **New dates in green.** Dates for the whole term can be found on the website calendar.

Week beginning Monday 20 May.

Sponsored Events week.

Wednesday 22 May

Year 6 Church Schools' Festival at Lincoln Cathedral.

Friday 24 May

School closes for half term.

Monday 3 June

School re-opens

Tuesday 4 June

Parents/Carers' Meeting and first induction session for 2013 Reception entry children 9.15—10.30am.

Thursday 6—Friday 7 June

Year 6 Residential Visit to London

Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 June

FOBS Charity Bag collection in school

Tuesday 11 June

Second induction session for 2013 Reception children 1.30-3.00pm

Thursday 13 June

Kwik Cricket Festival.

Friday 14 June

'Mustard Seed' Project assembly

Thursday 20 June

Year 6 Bistro evening from 5.00pm

Monday 24 June

Sports Day (reserve day Tuesday 25 June)

Wednesday 26 June

Key stage 2 'Inspiring Grantham' Concert

Thursday 27 June

Mini Olympics at Grantham Meres

Friday 28 June

Large Schools' Sports at The Meres

Wednesday 3 July

Year 3 Assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 4 July

Year 1/2 classes visit Woodside Falconry Centre

Friday 5 July

Summer Fair 5.00-7.00pm



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

May 2013 2nd Edition

Dear Parents/Carers

With the half term holiday just a week away, we are already turning our thoughts to the final part of the school year, in which we welcome the families who will be joining our school in September, prepare to say goodbye to those who will be moving on, and plan all the many celebrations and events of the summer!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L Batey'.

Mr L Batey
Headteacher



RECENT EVENTS IN SCHOOL

London Residential Visit Information Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting—could I remind all parents of Year 6 children to return their child's medical form to school as soon as possible, please.

World War II Topic—events and visitors

Year 4 are currently enjoying exploring their new history topic: World War II. With help from a hard working group of staff and parents, they enjoyed: den building, outdoor art, made their own biodegradable plant pots and made a start on their 'Dig for Victory' garden, on Thursday 9th May.



On Friday 10th May, they enjoyed a visit from a modern day soldier, and his kit, and have also heard the story of what happened to one family in wartime, through original photographs, letters and artefacts. Thank you to the members of our school community who have helped to bring this topic alive for the children.

Seed Planting

Children in Reception/Year1 classes have been very busy sowing and planting seeds to raise plants to sell at our Summer Fair, on 5th July. Thank you to FOBS members who have come into school to support this activity.



SATS week—not just hard work!

The week of the Key Stage 2 SATs exams is quite an intensive one, for our Year 6 pupils—so to get them off to a good start each morning, by sharing breakfast together, Mrs Wright organised, 'Bacon Butty week.' Throughout the week, the children have enjoyed bacon/sausage sandwiches, crumpets and toast served with fresh fruit and a drink, each day! This has been a great success and very much enjoyed by the children. Thanks to all staff who have helped to organise this event.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Inspire+ Olympic Sports Camp

Details of this half term sporting opportunity can be found on the letters section of the website. Please [CLICK HERE](#).

FOB School Update

- * Next week (20—24 May) there will be a range of sponsored and fun events in school, supported by FOBS. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the letter sent earlier this week.
- * The next Charity Bag Collection is coming up soon—bags will be sent home to you soon, and filled bags can be dropped off at school (Old School Room) on Monday 10 or Tuesday 11 June.
- * Our Summer Fair will take place on Friday 5 July, from 5.00pm—7.00pm. As usual, this will be combined with our Summer Raffle, and we will be sending tickets home with children nearer the time, hoping that you will be able to sell some tickets for us. This year, the first prize is a Kindle Fire HD, and as usual there will be plenty of other exciting prizes, including vouchers for family days out.



OTHER INFORMATION



Swimming

We aim for all our children to be able to swim at least 25m before they leave primary school (government standard) at Year 6; currently our Year 5 children are working towards this as well as undergoing training for Waterskills 4 & Personal Survival Awards Level 1 & 2 .

Mustard Seen Project Update

We have now sponsored 150 bricks, and raised £45, to help build an extension to our link school in Kenya. Well done—there is still time to add to our ‘wall’, if you would like to sponsor a brick for 30p.



Volunteers in school

Thank you to parents/carers who support us in school in so many ways, including regular volunteering, help on school visits and special events, and through FOBS. Volunteers in school may be subject to a DBS check, depending on their role, and how often they come into school; regular volunteers are welcomed and may not necessarily be placed in the same class as their children.

School Uniform

Please consider ordering next year’s school uniform soon! You can order through the School Trends website, and your order will arrive in school, ready to be sent home with your child. This avoids a last minute rush, and possible delays. Orders placed online by 14th June should be in school before the start of the summer holidays. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the School Trends website . [CLICK HERE](#) to find our Uniform order form, if you cannot order online.

Reminder: We are beginning to get some variations creeping in to school with regards to aspects of school uniform. Socks should be plain grey or white (no patterns); tights should be grey (not black or beige). Please help us to keep our school smart by sending your child in correct uniform. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for further details, regarding school uniform.



School Car Park

Whilst most of our parents fully support our school policies for ensuring the safety of our children, I am sorry to report that some parents have been bringing their cars into the school car park when waiting to collect children at the end of school, or after clubs. **This is not permitted.** The car park entrance is adjacent to the pedestrian entrance, so additional cars entering and exiting the car park increase the hazard to pedestrians. The entrance must also be kept clear for emergency vehicles. Only staff, and other essential vehicles may be brought into the car park. This forms part of our Health and Safety Policy, and we ask all parents to support us in maintaining safety on site.



On rare occasions, there may be a compelling reason why a parent needs to bring a car into the car park for a limited period (for example, a medical need). In these circumstances, a permit may be issued, which must be displayed whenever the car is brought into the car park. Please ask at the school office if you need further information about this. Parent/Carers' cars NOT displaying a valid permit do NOT have permission to park in the car park.

Could I also ask parents to avoid blocking the narrower parts of the pavement by the school entrance, as this forces other pedestrians into the road to get round them.

Trespass in school grounds

We recently had a report of a family (mum, dad, child—and dog!) climbing over the wall between the churchyard and the school grounds during the weekend. We don't know whether the child was a pupil here or not, and this may have been an isolated occurrence, but it is obviously cause for concern if people are trespassing on the school grounds, especially with a dog. If you become aware of anyone accessing the school grounds in this way, please let me know and, if appropriate, ask them not to do so in future.

Safety offers

We have been sent information about two road safety offers available through Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership: 15% off a cycle helmet at Halfords, until 31 August 2013, and reflective backpack covers are available from Grantham Fire Station, for £5. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

Class and team photo orders

The deadline for ordering has now passed—late orders must be sent directly to Ward-Hendry, and include their late order fee of £4. We cannot accept late orders in school.

'Reduce, re-use, recycle'—uniform for sale

We have some items of 'second-hand' uniform for sale. All items are in good condition and freshly washed, and offered at amazingly low prices—see below:

P.E. Shorts	50p
P.E. T Shirts	£1
Sweatshirts	£2
Cardigans	£2.50
Fleeces	£5.00
Coat	£5.50



Summer dresses, skirts, trousers £2 (please note—various brands, as these are donated items from parents, not originally purchased through school). Please contact Mrs Midgley for details of sizes currently available.

Car Parking

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. The Legion Car Park is only a few minutes walk from school. **We have recently received a complaint from a resident of Church Street. If you do bring your car into Church Street please be considerate to residents at all times, and ensure that you do not obstruct access to properties. Thank you.**

Please choose to be part of the solution, not part of the problem, and put the safety of our children first!

Once again—many thanks to the majority of parents/carers who support us by keeping their cars out of Church Street.