



**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.

**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 1.15pm (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 'On Safari' 2.30pm

**Thursday 4 July**

Year 1/2 classes visit Woodside Falconry Centre

**Friday 5 July**

Summer Fair 5.00-7.00pm

**Tuesday 9 July**

Y6 Digital Art Workshop  
Year 4 World War Two celebrations 2.15pm

**Wednesday 10 Jul 2013**

Leavers' Prom 6pm-8pm

**Friday 19 Jul 2013**

Leavers' assembly 9.15am Year 6parents are invited to join us.

**Tuesday 23 July 2013**

Awards Assembly  
End of School Year for children

**Sat31 August & Sun 1 Sept**

Barrowby Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens.

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back for the final term of the school year. As you can see, there has been a lot going on in school in the last couple of weeks, and there are plenty more events to come over the next weeks—I am looking forward to sharing them with you.

Mr L Batey  
Headteacher



**RECENT EVENTS IN SCHOOL**

**SHOUT! Visit to Grantham Bowling**

On 20th May, our SHOUT! Club visited Grantham Bowling. This event was funded by the SHOUT! charity as a social event between ourselves and Isaac Newton School. A great time was had by all and the children enjoyed playing in mixed teams. Amidst great enthusiasm, there were several strikes scored!

**Sports Legacy Tour**

On 22nd May, Harrowby C of E Primary School visited our school and were invited to our whole school assembly with Mrs Banfield and Chris Graves, from Inspire +, who reminded the children about the success of London 2012 and of the Olympic and Paralympic Values. This was part of the Inspire+ Legacy Tour which many schools in the area are apart of. As a school we have pledged to:

*Ensure that our playtimes encourage increased participation in sporting activities for all ages.*

This was added to the Inspire+ pledge book, during the day. To find out more about Inspire+ and the Legacy Tour [CLICK HERE.](#)



Mrs Banfield, the Young Ambassadors (Bethan Cann, Aidan Jolly, Sophie Wiblin and Jack Woodward) continued the tour and passed the pledge book onto Allington & Sedgebrook Primary School where the Young Ambassadors read out the Legacy Pledge Declaration, in their whole school assembly.

**Church Schools' Festival**



On 22 May, Year 6 visited Lincoln Cathedral to join with other church schools from around the county, at the annual Church Schools Festival. During the day, children enjoyed a tour of the cathedral, a drawing workshop which gave an opportunity to study this beautiful building in detail, and a workshop in the Wren Library, where the children were shown wonderful examples of medieval illuminated manuscripts, and had a go at making their own. The day finished with a combined act of worship, where, as always, our children's singing was an inspiration.

## Sponsored Events week

We had a lot of fun in our sponsored events week—thank you to FOBS , children, staff and parents for supporting our events and helping to make the week so much fun! So far we have raised:

- The 'Barrowby Bake Off' Cake Sale raised **£140**
- The Sponsored Bike/Scooter Ride raised **£246**
- Ice Pop sales raised **82.60**
- Pet Show raised **£39.50**, to be divided between school and the WWF.



This combined total for school, to date, is **£488.35**. Thank you to everyone who baked, brought their bike/scooter, bought an ice pop or brought in the pictures of their pets to share with us. If you have sponsor forms at home please return to school as soon as possible. Judging the Pet Show was an extremely hard job, as all the photos were brilliant, and showed just how much you love your pets.



### Pet Show Winners were:

Cutest Pet: Katie the cat, belonging to Sofia Danielle

Funniest Pet: Georgia the hamster, belonging to Ben Hart

Pet Mr Batey would most like to adopt: Mac the dog, belonging to Alan Kershaw

## Legacy Potted Sports & Team Work

This year, we have evaluated and reviewed our Behaviour Management Policy (please [CLICK HERE](#) to access it) and as a result we have allocated each of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children in to one of our three Houses, either: Armstrong, Chichester or Scott; enabling and encouraging our children not only to work in teams within classes but also across the school, supporting each other.

On the last day of term, the Friday morning of our Sponsored Events Week, we completed our newest intra-school competition, our Legacy Potted Sports activities arranged by Mrs Banfield and the Sports Committee. The whole school took it in turns to rotate around 3 fun activities, gaining points, across the school, for their Houses.

The Sports Committee totalled the points collected and are pleased to announce that in **Foundation Stage and Key Stage One the results are:**



- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Scott
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chichester
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Armstrong

### and in Key Stage 2:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Scott
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Armstrong
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Chichester.

## 'Barrowby's Got Talent'

We have recently undertaken our very own 'Barrowby's Got Talent!'. Throughout the week leading up to half-term, the children enjoyed auditioning for the 'live show', with various acts being selected for the final. A BIG thank you to all the children who auditioned and/or performed, for making it a very enjoyable experience.

The results are:

- Key stage 1: A magical act, 'Alfie the Great' -Alfie Curry
- Key Stage 2: An original composition, 'We're supposed to be' written and performed by Evi Watkins & Grace Newton. Well done to everyone!



## Induction morning

We were delighted to welcome the children who will be starting in Reception in September, and their families, to our first induction session, where the children had the chance to spend time getting to know staff, and enjoy some classroom activities, and parents attended an information meeting and presentation. The children will return for a second induction session on 11 June.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Sports Day



Our Sports Day takes place on Monday 24 June, starting at 1.15pm. You are all very welcome to join us—let's hope that the weather is kind! If it isn't, our reserve day is Tuesday 25 June. If we do have to alter arrangements because of bad weather, we will send a text via Parentmail2 as soon as a decision is made, and by 12 noon at the latest. Sports Day is always a very busy day in school, so I would ask that you wait to see if a text is sent, rather than phoning school, if the weather is doubtful. Refreshments will be available, throughout the event, thanks to FOB members.

### FOB School Update

- Our Charity Bag Collection is coming up soon—bags were sent home to you before half term, 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

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Collection of pupils at the end of the day

We have recently made a slight reorganisation to ensure a more timely way for children to leave school at the end of the day, reducing the 'exit time' from 15 minutes to 5 minutes.

The new arrangements allow children to leave the school without delay or excessive 'queuing'; all Key Stage 1 children exit on the left hand side of the path, and their teachers remain at the gate with Teaching Assistants, so that children are usually monitored by two adults per class. Key Stage 2 children use the right hand side of the path, ensuring freer movement. A member of staff is on duty at the gate to supervise Key Stage 2 children leaving, and to ensure that any child not collected on time returns to school, so parents can be contacted. Children are reminded about what to do if they can't see their parents i.e. wait at the gate with a member of school staff, and they are made aware of any changes to their usual routine e.g. collection by a different person. All teachers will walk to the gate to ensure that there are no difficulties. We have also re-sited the notice boards, to allow better sight of the children coming down the path, as this helps parents to 'spot' their child and collect them promptly, further reducing congestion. I hope you will agree that these procedures ensure a smooth and safe end to the school day, whilst allowing children to develop their independence, which is key within school.

### You can help us by:

- Making sure you let us know - by 3.00pm if at all possible—if you are going to be unavoidably delayed—this means we can reassure your child that you are on your way. Please also let us know if someone else is collecting your child (we need a message from you, rather than from the person you have asked to collect your child).
- Coming forward to collect your child, and then moving away from the area immediately in front of the gate, so that other parents can see and collect their children.
- Ensuring that you do not bring your car to the top of Church Street, where parents and children are gathered, or into the School Car Park, as this creates an additional hazard.

Thank you—together we can make the end of the day easier for all our children—and parents!

## E-Safety

As a school we strive to stay abreast of current technological developments and have needed to remain vigilant and accountable for our pupils' access to internet based applications. To this end, we follow our e-safety policy (please [CLICK HERE](#) to access it); communicate e-safety guidance to pupils and parents before embarking on various projects e.g. blogging; restrict access to various websites, through filtering software; monitor the use of access to the internet (through adult supervision or internet history audits) and ensure that our pupils use the technology available to enhance their school work; demonstrating its purposeful use.

When working at home, we may ask our pupils, from time to time, to use certain websites which we feel may benefit their education. Any website or blogging tool which is recommended for home use has been investigated by an adult within school; assessed for its suitability and if needed, various e-safety recommendations and protocols implemented, to keep our pupils safe when working on-line.

As our pupils become older, they become more independent and proficient at accessing various on-line applications, when working at home and this may result in unsupervised access to the internet. As a school, we strongly recommend that any primary age pupils should be **monitored by parents** while having access to any internet based communication service e.g. iPad, iPod, X-box, e-mail, phone-text etc.

Keeping your child safe online at home is the responsibility of the parent/carer and we would suggest that:

- Prior to children accessing the internet; or internet gaming via X-Box etc., parents should **discuss with their children what they would do**, if someone posted, e-mailed, text or verbalised (while on-line gaming) a comment they deemed inappropriate or hurtful i.e. report to parent and/or teacher and appropriate action taken; or what they would do if they were asked for personal details e.g. name, age, school, address etc. i.e. no personal details should ever be shared on-line;
- Any internet access, by a pupil of our school (4-11 years old) should be **supervised by an adult**;
- Use of age appropriate chat rooms e.g. Moshi Monsters should be regularly **monitored by Parents**;
- Access to age appropriate on-line gaming and internet **should be limited**, to avoid excessive usage;
- Any fireguards and/or parental controls **should be enabled** prior to use;
- Up to date security software/protocols **should be installed** and Parents/carers should inform their children that they will periodically check internet search histories and follow through e.g. monthly.

No member of our school community should refer to children in our school, post or upload images and/or discuss incidences (which occur in school) on social media sites without permission from the school.

I am sure that you will want to ensure that your children are equally responsible in their use of technologies at home, as well as at school.

To support you with this, there are a wealth of materials available to parents; advising on how to approach the subject with their children, as well as how to deal with situations which may arise from children accessing on-line content. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) which has a range of support material available to parents, including: (please click on the various headings to access support information)

[Top Tips](#)

[What is my child doing on line?](#)

[How do I talk to my child about what they're doing on-line?](#)

[What risks might my child face?](#)

[What tools are there to help me keep my child safe?](#)



We will continue to do all we can to ensure our children's e-safety in school, encouraging our pupils to be responsible and conscientious users of technologies, and, of course, tolerant and respectful of other users as I am sure you will want to do the same at home.

## Secondary Transfer 2014

Year 5 parents will already be aware of the 11+ process for local Grammar Schools. Several other local schools also offer a number of places based on aptitude in specific areas:

- *Walton Girls' High School:* Performing Arts Auditions for students starting secondary school in 2014 will be on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The Application form is on Walton Girls' High School's website, under Admissions. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access it.
- *Priory Ruskin Academy:* Please contact the school directly about admission arrangements for places based on aptitude for Sports and Health or Visual Arts. Their contact details are available by [CLICKING HERE](#).

## Open Days for 2014 entry:

The King's School	8 July 6.00pm
Walton Girls' High School	10 July –during the day and evening
KGGS	11 July 6-.00pm
Sir William Robertson Academy	16, 17, 18 September 9.15 –12.15, 19 September 6.30pm
Priory Ruskin Academy	26 September 6.30pm
West Grantham Academy St Hugh's	Not yet notified
Belvoir High School	Not yet notified.



## Tubs for Tablets

Flora and Tesco have joined together to give away *ASUS MeMO Pad™ 172* touch screen tablets to Primary schools. Taking part is easy. If you shop at Tesco, and purchase these products, then simply collect Flora Tubs4Tablets tokens inside **special packs of Flora Original and Flora Light 500g**, available from Tesco stores from the **24th June** and send the tokens into school. Thank you for your continued support.

## School Uniform

Although the sunny weather is only just with us, we're already preparing for the autumn term! 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.



We have extended the range of uniform available to you with three exciting new items to keep children warm and smart: a navy blue track suit, for outdoor P.E., a navy hooded top, also for outdoor P.E. and a royal blue knitted winter hat—all bearing our school logo. These are optional items, available through the School Trends website only—check them out when you order your child's uniform for the autumn—we think you will like them! We also have some items of 'second-hand' uniform for sale. All items are in good condition and freshly washed. Please enquire at the school office.

## Lost Property

By the end of this school year, we will have phased out the use of a central 'lost property' store. Items will be kept near the appropriate classroom areas, to encourage children to be more independent in looking after their property. Please ensure that all your child's clothing and equipment is clearly and indelibly marked, so it can be returned to them quickly if it goes astray. [CLICK HERE](#) to access 'Name it Labels' information - a percentage of all sales is donated to our school.

## 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.

**Please 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.