

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.

MAY—SATs tests throughout the school.
Please remember that holiday absence will not be authorised in May.

KS2 SATs week (Year 6) Monday 13– Thursday 16 May.

Monday 6 May

Bank Holiday—school closed.

Thursday 9 May

Information evening for the London Residential visit for parents of Y6 children.

Week beginning Monday 20 May.

Sponsored Events week—more details to follow.

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

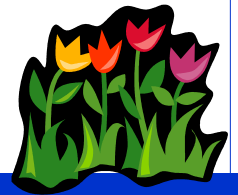
Key stage 2 'Inspiring Grantham' Concert

Thursday 27 June

Mini Olympics at Grantham Meres



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Newsletter

May 2013 First

Dear Parents/Carers

At last the weather has started to improve, and the children have been able to spread out onto the school field to play. Here is an update on things that have been happening in school this term, as well as information about forthcoming events.

Mr L Batey
Headteacher



RECENT EVENTS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

SHOUT! Quiz

SHOUT members attended Isaac Newton School, on Monday 21 April, to take part in a fun BINGO event. We had a number of lucky winners; children played to win either a line or full house and won a variety of prizes. Our very own Eleanor Cooley even became the BINGO caller for one game; she was a natural! Before the children went home they enjoyed sandwiches, cakes, crisps and biscuits with a drink, provided by the SHOUT committee.

White Post Farm visit

Our Reception and Year One pupils, enjoyed a fantastic day; and the weather was beautiful. The children enjoyed feeding hens, ducks, geese, goats, llama's, and many more animals. In the afternoon, they watched a goat milking demonstration and were fascinated. Children and adults alike were brave in the Reptile house, especially when stroking a turtle and a snake! Thank you to all our parent helpers who helped us on the day.



FOBs support school planting

FOBS have very kindly helped the Reception children plant seeds ready for our Summer Fair. The seeds were planted in to individual pots and the children are looking after them in our Outdoor Classroom. Look out for these wonderful plants as they will be for sale during our biannual Summer Fair, on Friday 5th July!



African Ark Workshop

This week, the children in Year 3 enjoyed learning about life in Africa through story, dance, art and song, as part of their 'On Safari' topic. The children will continue to build upon the experiences from the day; practising both their dance and singing routines and are looking forward to sharing these with their parents, at the Year 3 class assembly, on Wednesday 3rd July at 2.30pm.



Gainsborough Old Hall visit

This term, Year 5 have been on their educational visit to Gainsborough Old Hall, as part of their Tudor topic. When the children arrived they were greeted by a Tudor minstrel playing the lute and the lady of the house!

They described to the children all about the history of the house and the famous people that visited. These famous people even included the king, Henry VIII and his wife Catherine Howard!

Following this, the children enjoyed a tour of the house and a Tudor banquet, in the great hall. The whole visit was enjoyed by all and really helped the children to experience what it would have been like to have lived during the Tudor times. Perhaps the Tudors weren't actually that 'terrible' after all!

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Tag Rugby Tournament

On Thursday 25th April, 12 children from Year 5 and Year 6 participated in a Tag Rugby tournament, at Grantham Rugby Club. They enjoyed playing a series of 8 matches over the course of a very warm afternoon. The results are:

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| Barrowby 4 | Corby Glen 3 |
| Barrowby 3 | Denton 1 |
| Barrowby 3 | Barkston 3 |
| Barrowby 3 | Harlaxton 4 |
| Barrowby 2 | Ropsley 3 |
| Barrowby 2 | Isaac Newton 1 |

Overall, we were placed 5th in the competition. Well done to our team for a very good 'try'!



National Swimming Championships for Primary Schools

On Friday 26th April, a group of 10 children from Years 5 and 6 competed in the National Schools swimming relay event, at the Mere's leisure centre. For most of the children this was a very new and exciting situation to be in, as the gala was run under full ASA (Amateur Swimming Association) rules! They competed in both a girls and boys medley and freestyle relay and swam to the very best of their abilities. We are very proud to announce that our children qualified for three, out of four finals; and although they did not progress to the next stage, their attitude and effort were exemplary!

The results were:

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| Girls' Freestyle Relay—placed 5th |
| Girls' Mixed Stroke Relay—placed 7th |
| Boys' Freestyle Relay—placed 8th |

Well done to all our swimmers for a very good effort against stiff competition!

Chance to Shine Cricket Coach

We are very fortunate to have secured a cricket coach for the second year, from the Lincolnshire Cricket Board Association, who will work with children in Years 5 and 6, throughout the summer term. The children have been enjoying their weekly cricket coaching sessions, comprising of: Cricket Club, on Monday lunchtimes (open to both Year 5 & 6) and through PE lessons, for Year 5.



Inspire+ Olympic Sports Camp

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

OTHER INFORMATION

Vacancies in school

We have vacancies for two Teaching Assistants (temporary for one year initially), a Midday Controller, Midday Supervisory Assistant, all from 1 September 2013 and a cleaner to start sooner if possible. You can find details of these posts, and an application form, on our website. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

Attendance

Schools have a responsibility to monitor levels of attendance, which are reported on by Ofsted.

As I'm sure you know, attendance at Barrowby School is very high. The average attendance rate for all children in this school for the Spring Term is 96.6% (no more than 2 days' absence in the term), and 96.02% for the school year so far.

If you are aware that your child's attendance is below the average for this school, please review the reasons for your child's absences—it may be that there have been unavoidable circumstances in a particular term which have adversely affected your child's attendance. However, if there are any ongoing issues causing higher than average levels of absence, please arrange an appointment with your child's teacher, and we will do everything we can to support you.

Where attendance continues to be significantly below average (90% or less) over several terms, we will contact you to explore ways in which we can support you in ensuring your child's regular attendance at school.

We ask parents not to take children out of school in term time, unless this is absolutely unavoidable. Absences can not be authorised unless a valid reason is given—please remember to obtain authorisation before confirming holiday arrangements.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read our guidance on absences.

Here comes the sun!

After such a lot of dreary weather we all need a bit of sunshine, and we welcome the chance to use our extensive outdoor facilities as much as possible. When the hotter weather does start to arrive, please remember to send your child's water bottle to school each day (only plain water is allowed in these), and a cap if it is very sunny—these can be purchased from school. If you feel that your child needs sunscreen, please apply it before they come to school.

Mustard Seen Project Update

So far we have sold 76 bricks and raised £22.80!, to help to build an extension for a school in Kenya, which we have supported for several years now. 'Bricks' cost only 30p—please support this worthy cause.

'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:

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| 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.

**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 large number of parents/carers who support us by keeping their cars out of Church Street.