

## DIARY DATES

Further information will follow nearer the time, where appropriate. **New dates in green.**

### Monday 22 April

SHOUT! Quiz at Isaac Newton School, 4.00-5.30pm

### Tuesday 23 April

Reception/Year 1 classes visit White Post Farm

### Wednesday 24 April

Class and team photos.

### Thursday 25 April

TAG Rugby Tournament—Kesteven Rugby Club.

### Friday 26 April

Year 5 visit to Gainsborough Old Hall

### Tuesday 30 April

African Dance Workshop for Year 3.

**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.

### Tuesday 11 June

Second induction session for 2013 Reception children 1.30-3.00pm

### Thursday 13 June

Kwik Cricket Festival.

### Thursday 20 June

Year 6 Bistro evening from 5.00pm



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

## April 2013



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back for our fun-filled Summer Term. As you will see, we have a lot planned for this term—diary dates for forthcoming weeks will appear on Newsletters, and you can check dates for the rest of this school year on the 'Calendar' page of our website (under the 'Parents' tab) - please be aware that there may be further events added as the term goes on, and that details may sometimes change, especially for events organised by outside bodies. We will let you have more details of forthcoming events as they get nearer, and I look forward to sharing many of these exciting events with you during this term.

Mr L Batey  
Headteacher

## RECENT SUCCESSES

### Sing Up

We are pleased to announce, that all our hard work in promoting singing, throughout our school, has gained us the Gold standard, in the 'Sing Up' award. Well done to everyone and keep singing! To read more [CLICK HERE](#).



### Sport

On 17th April, our school Netball Team enjoyed participating in the High 5 Netball Tournament, at the Priory Ruskin Academy.



The results for the first round were:

Barrowby 2, Denton 0;  
Barrowby 3, National 0  
Barrowby 0, Ingoldsby 0;  
Barrowby 1, Isaac Newton 1.

This then qualified us for the final round, where the results were:

Barrowby 5, Corby Glen 3;  
Barrowby 0, St Anne's 0;  
Barrowby 3, St Mary's 0;  
Barrowby 2, Isaac Newton 3.

Overall, we were second out of fifteen schools who were competing in the competition. Very well done to each member of the team!

## INSPIRING SPORT-HUMANITARIAN EXPEDITION FUNDRAISING EVENT

Have you ever thought what it would be like to compete at the Olympic games? What drives these athletes to succeed? Well, this event could be for you. In collaboration with Inspire+, Jodie Jackson a Year 10, KGS student has organised for one of the Team GB Paralympians to meet and present to pupils and families of Y5 children and above. The presentation will focus on striving to meet personal goals no matter the barrier. If interested in this event [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#), to learn more about the cause you would be supporting and the visiting Paralympian.

## CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOS—24 April

Please make sure your child is wearing their 'best' uniform, and that they have sports kit with them (for those in school teams) and any musical instruments they play. Due to the time constraints in the photography schedule, it will not be possible for us to phone parents to bring in forgotten items.



## NEW FIRE EXIT

A new Fire Exit, leading directly to the playground, without crossing the cloakroom area, is currently being installed for Year 3. This is required because of a change in Fire Regulations since this classroom was built. Work began during the holidays, and should be complete within the next week.

## DIG FOR VICTORY

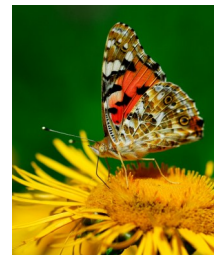


### YOUR CHANCE TO 'DIG FOR VICTORY'!

Year 4's topic this term is 'World War II', and as part of this, they would like to create their own 'Dig for Victory' garden—can you help them to get this started? Perhaps you would like to volunteer, to build the area or work with the children in planting and nurturing the crops? Please contact the school office if you would like to get involved.

## WILDLIFE AREA

Over the holidays, our Grounds Maintenance team have carried out work in our Wildlife Area and pond, to help us get it ready for the spring and summer. In the next few weeks, we will be installing new seating near the woodland area, renewing the pond fencing, and improving the 'stepping stone' path from the field steps to the wildlife area; as well as installing our long awaited Auditorium seating and story chair. Children from our 'Get Out There' club will be planting plug plants of a variety of wild flowers and other native plants in the woodland and around the pond to further increase the biodiversity of the area and encourage a wider range of insects and other creatures into the area.



## PLEASE CLICK [MUSTARD SEED PROJECT TO LEARN MORE](#)

For several years now, we have been supporting and raising money for a school in Kenya run by the Mustard Seed Project; we have helped: to sell jewellery (on their behalf), collected and filled jars with loose change and more recently donated a selection of books to be used within their library. We have been lucky enough to be involved within this project and to watch the school grow, from its very small beginning to now being so popular they have simply run out of room!

The school is now in need of expansion and the charity would like to build further accommodation. We are hoping to help them with this challenge with our 'building a classroom' initiative. In Kenya, the cost of a brick is just 30p and to build a classroom they will need approximately 900 bricks. The bricks will be available to purchase from class teachers and will be displayed in our school hall. Each brick donated by our pupils will be personalised with the child's name and a message for the children in Africa.

Rita and Geoff Fowler, who run the project, have become regular guests at our school and periodically update us with information about this amazing and worthwhile project. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to follow the work going on in Africa. After their next visit, we will count up the bricks and send them to Africa with Rita and Geoff, so the children there can read the messages of good will, from their friends at Barrowby CE Primary School. On behalf of the Mustard Seed Project, thank you for your support. The bricks will be available from Monday 22nd April and will run for the whole of the summer term.

## REMINDERS

### **'REDUCE, RE-USE- RE-CYCLE - UNIFORM FOR SALE!**

As an Eco-School we are always looking for ways to help the planet—and our families. 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.



### **START OF THE SCHOOL DAY—PUNCTUALITY**

We still have a number of children who regularly arrive late at school. Please make sure that your child is at school in time for the bell at 8.55am every day—this teaches the good habits of independence and time-keeping, and ensures a smooth start to the day for the whole class. If your child is usually on time, thank you – and we do, of course, fully understand any family can have an exceptional morning, where normal routines goes wrong—if you know you are going to be unavoidably late, please try to ring and let us know you're on your way!

### **HOLIDAY ABSENCE**

Please remember that all requests for absence for term time holidays should be submitted to school for approval *before* you confirm your holiday arrangements. Please avoid taking your children out of school for holidays if at all possible and avoid booking holidays during May.

### **CHANGE OF SHOES**

All children need to have a change of footwear (indoor and outdoor) in school every day. This makes a huge difference to the cleanliness of the school, and in particular the carpeted areas in classrooms, where children sit. Thank you for your support.

### **CAR PARKING**

We have asked parents, to avoid parking in Church Street—this is primarily because traffic congestion increases the risk to our children—and to parents/carers on foot, and also to permit access for vehicles such as coaches, or, potentially, emergency vehicles.

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.