



DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year 2014-2015 can be found on the school website.

[CLICK HERE](#) or on any of the links below to go to the calendar. Please check regularly for new dates. You will receive further information about forthcoming events nearer the time, as appropriate.

Newsletter 11 March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't quite believe we are over half way through the academic year. Where does the time go? It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening and I look forward to seeing you next week if you are visiting school, for your Parent Consultation. The last week has, as ever, been very busy and I am proud to share with you the school's successes and achievements. I hope you enjoy this week's 'snippet' of Barrowby life.

Mr L Batey Headteacher

Events in School

Friday 13 March
Comic Relief Day –
Non Uniform Day



Monday 16 March
Class and team photos –
please note change of date.

Tuesday 17 March
M&M Productions 'Treasure Island' for all children.



Wed 18 March
Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 –5.30

Friday 20 March Years 1/2
Class Assembly
'Wagons Roll'
9.15am



Thursday 26 March
Last Day of Term and Easter Service.



Monday 13 April
Term starts



Last Wednesday, 24 children from across Years 3-6 represented the school in the regional Sainsbury's School Games at the Meres Leisure Centre.



Qualifying for this event was a huge achievement as we were one of only 8 schools to qualify from right across the county. The day included a number of sporting events; our school participated in the swimming, comprising of individual races, relay races and even included a shark race!

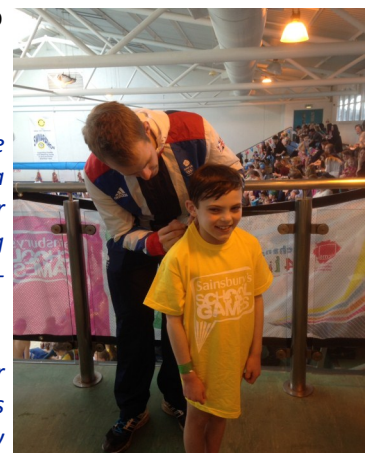
As always our children showed great determination and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the day.

Our Year 5 and 6 team finished in 8th place and Year 3 and 4 finished in 4th place, only two points behind the school in third place. Well done and congratulations to all!

The children also met Olympic swimmer Ross Davenport, who signed their Tee shirts.

The continued and sustained success of our school is an absolute credit to our pupils, the school staff and their parents. What a couple of weeks it has been, show-casing the skills and talents of our pupils, in events such as the Swimathon, Large School's Swimming Gala, Colsterworth Performing Arts Festival and the afore mentioned Sainsbury's School Games.

I continue to be extremely proud of the range of opportunities all our pupils have access to and how our pupils embody our school values of creativity, respect and independence through all they do, as they strive for excellence.



World Book Day



On Friday 9 March, children enjoyed events for World Book Day, which included class book/author events, linking the curriculum throughout the day to their chosen book. We also held our first 'Barrowby School Book Swap' event where children had the opportunity to bring a book to school that they no longer read, and swap it for a book another child had donated. This was a very successful activity, and I hope your children are enjoying their 'new' books. We also enjoyed a World Book Day assembly where children had to guess, from a selection, the teachers' favourite books. At the end of the day Teaching Assistants shared their favourite books at story time. Children were also given a £1 Book Token for World Book Day. Happy reading!

Comic Relief Red Nose Day Friday 13 March

Children can wear their red noses in school on Friday. This will also be a non-uniform day, and we are asking for an additional £1 minimum donation to Comic Relief, if children wish to wear their own clothes to school on that day.



Friday 13 March

Class and Team Photos

Class and team photos will be taken in school on Monday 16 March. Please ensure that your child is in correct school uniform (including shoes). We will be having photographs of a range of school teams and instrumentalists—**please make sure your child has their instrument, and any kit, in school on Monday.** This is always a very busy day, and it may not be possible for staff to ring home if instruments have been forgotten.

Staffing



We have three members of staff who are expecting babies this year! They are: Mrs Pacey (Teaching Assistant), who will be on Maternity Leave from Easter, and Mrs Goodband (Year 1/Year 2 Teacher), and Mrs Watson (Year 5) Teacher, whose babies are due later in the year. Our warmest congratulations to them, and their families. We will let you know about the arrangements to cover their Maternity Leave in due course.



Hot School Meals— Food for Life Partnership recognition



As a result of all our efforts, our school has been identified as a 'What Works Well' school, by the Food For Life Partnership-recommended by Lincolnshire County Council Food Consultancy team. This celebrates and acknowledges the high quality provision we strive to maintain within our dining hall and provides us with the opportunity to liaise and support other primary schools faced with this difficult task. I am incredibly proud of all we have achieved within a short period of time and thank our Midday Supervisory team and our Year 6 Lunchtime Buddies for their continued vigilance and efforts which continue to contribute to this success.

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles— lunches and drinks in school

Lunches

We are delighted with the high uptake of Hot School Meals at our school, and the positive feedback from parents. The hot school meal provision is a complete meal, including a drink. Meals provided in school must comply with the School Food Standard which you can find [here](#).

However, parents can also choose to send a packed lunch for their child, which may include a drink. We encourage you to ensure that your child's packed lunch is healthy and balanced.

A balanced packed lunch should contain:



- starchy foods – these are bread, rice, potatoes, pasta, and others
- protein foods – including meat, fish, eggs, beans, and others
- a dairy item – this could be cheese or a yoghurt
- vegetables or salad, and a portion of fruit

You can find more advice, and suggestions for varied and interesting packed lunches on the Change4Life website [here](#), and at the Children's Food Trust [here](#).

Drinks in school

Children are encouraged to drink throughout the day, and to make healthy choices. The opportunities available to them are:

- **Available throughout the day:** A water bottle, containing plain, unflavoured water only, or drinking water available in school.
- **Available at playtime:** milk, if parents have opted to order this for their children
- **Available for children having a hot school meal:** water or milk, as part of their meal
- **Available for children bringing a packed lunch:** a drink packed with their lunch, to be drunk at lunchtime only, **or** if your child has milk as part of the school milk scheme, and brings a packed lunch, you can opt for them to have their milk with their lunch, if you prefer. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange this **or** water, which is freely available to all children at lunchtime. You can find the list of drinks schools are permitted to serve under the Schools Food Standard [here](#). Our recommendation is that any drinks brought as part of a packed lunch conform to this Standard.



We understand that some children prefer flavoured drinks to plain water, and, out of school, it is of course up to parents to decide which drinks their children are permitted, and how often. You can find advice about drinks for children on the NHS choices website, [here](#).

In school, we adhere to Healthy School guidelines, and other advice, to promote healthy lifestyles, and therefore only permit the drinks indicated above. We cannot make any exceptions, unless there is a medical reason, supported by a letter from your child's doctor.

Please also encourage your children to make healthy choices at home.