



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.

Thursday 5 March
FOBS Meeting 2.00pm

Tuesday 10 March &
Wed 18 March
Parent Teacher Consultations
3.30 – 5.30

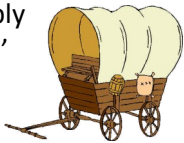
Friday 13 March
Comic Relief Day
Non Uniform Day
RED NOSE DAY
13 March 2015

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

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



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



Thursday 26 March
Last Day of Term and Easter Service.

Monday 3 April
Term starts



Newsletter

4 March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what a very exciting week, we have all enjoyed since our last newsletter. I am always delighted to share with our parents and the wider community the many instances when our children truly embody the values and principles of our school: creativity, respect and independence. This can be seen on a daily basis within school and also when we take our children in to the community, to attend events. Enjoy reading about our recent successes!

Mr L Batey Headteacher

Events in School

Colsterworth Music Festival



On Friday 27th February, we entered 88 children, from Years 3 up to 6, across 5 classes into the annual Colsterworth Festival of Performing Arts, they were; Instrumental Ensemble; Vocal Ensemble – Years 2 and under; Vocal Ensemble – Years 5 and 6; Choral Speaking – Years 5 and 6 and Educational Dance Group – Years 5 and 6. Representatives from these groups are pictured above.

It was a wonderful day and enabled our children to showcase their talents within instrumental playing, singing, drama and dance. The day was well organised and my thanks go to Mrs Waghorn, Mrs Webster and Mrs Banfield for working with the children on a weekly basis preparing them for the festival. Barrowby had an incredible day and were thrilled to be awarded 1st places for Key Stage 1 Choir (for the 2nd consecutive year) , Key Stage 2 Choir (for the fourth consecutive year) and for our Choral Speaking Performance of Lewis Carroll's, 'The Jabberwocky' as well as runners up (joint second place winners) for our Handbell Ringers performance of 'Christmas Medley' and our Dance Group's performance: 'Winter's Breeze'.

Our school also won for 'The Growler Shield for Best Overall Performance,' which was awarded for the 2nd consecutive year to our Key Stage 2 Choir for their performances of Scarborough Fair (an acapella version, sung in 2 and 3 parts) and Your Song.

My thanks also to Mrs Midgley for her support organising the school's entry, to our parent volunteers: Mrs Cooley, Mrs Arthurs-Whitehouse and Mrs Batey who gave their time freely to ensure the children were well supported and to our many parents who came and enjoyed our school's performances across the Festival, supporting their child and our school, within what was an excellent day.

I would also like to thank our parents for their continued support, including the many wonderful comments about our school's performance "Thank you for that fabulous performance..." they were "...an absolute credit to you and to the school..."; "...congratulations to both KS1 and KS2 choirs..." and "... Handbell ringers were super..." "...the dance was beautiful..." "The school was in a class of its own." "Thank you for such a memorable experience." Several parents and grandparents said they were moved to tears by our children's performances.

As always, we strive for excellence and it is wonderful when that is recognised. Thanks one and all for your continued efforts and support.

A message from the Governors

Our governors are very proud of our children's achievements, and have sent a card with the following message, which will be shared with our children:



*"To all children, staff, and volunteers at Barrowby School
Your school governors are all very proud of you and want to say 'well done', especially on your most recent achievements in the 'Swimarathon', Large Schools' Swimming Gala and the Colsterworth Music Festival. Keep it up!
From the Governing Body."*

I would also like to thank our governors—the workload of these dedicated volunteers increases year on year, and their contribution to the strategic management of the school is vital, and very much appreciated.

School Lunches and drinks in school

All children are encouraged to have a water bottle in school each day—please remember that these may only contain plain water. Water is freely available to drink throughout the course of the day and lunchtimes. [Milk](#) is available free for under 5s and at a small cost for other children.

A few parents have raised a concern about the cleanliness of the beakers at lunchtime, and we did have some concerns earlier this week about some of the beakers. I have spoken with Ideal, and with the manager of the kitchen that our meals come from (situated on the A1 northbound at Marston). I have also visited the kitchen, with the Chair of Governors. The cleanliness of all equipment will continue to be closely monitored, and our Mid-day Supervisors ensure that all equipment is regularly checked once it is returned from our supplier, and any issues are notified to them immediately. There are plenty of beakers to choose from, and all children having a hot meal should continue to drink the water freely available with their lunch.



It is not necessary to send a lunchtime drink if your child is having a packed lunch as water and beakers are freely available to all children irrespective of meal choices.

As a school we are going to look to develop the lunchtime service further for packed lunch children and we will be talking to the children about unpacking their lunch onto a plate and moving away from eating out of lunch boxes, cellophane or bags.

New Website Page

We have created a new page under the 'Parents' tab to signpost to you events and resources which you might find useful at home. This will include information from school, and from other organisations. As with all information from outside organisations which is communicated to parents, we are happy to signpost, but parents must assess the appropriateness of the information for themselves.

The new Page is called 'Home Support' and can be found [here](#).



Comic Relief Red Nose Day Friday 13 March—The Noses have arrived

Red Nose Day is on 13 March this year. You can buy your red nose in school, for a minimum £1 donation to Comic Relief. Noses are now on sale, and our Year 6 Fundraising Committee will be bringing them to classrooms each day for children to purchase. There are various designs, and maybe the possibility of finding a prize 'golden nose' - if someone in our school finds a golden nose, the whole school would receive an amazing experience from Aardman, the creators of Wallace & Gromit, Shaun the Sheep and Morph. The noses are wrapped, so designs cannot be selected.

Children can wear their red noses in school on Comic Relief Day, Friday 13 March. 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. Further information, from our Fundraising Committee, will be sent home early next week, regarding the organisation of the day.

Netball Results

Here are the results from our recent netball matches:

Barrowby v Belmont	1 : 5
Barrowby v Grantham Prep	0 : 6
Barrowby v Long Bennington	4 : 1

Another great effort from our Netball team, well done, to everyone involved.

Easter Holiday Sports Opportunities

Inspire+ Easter Sports Camp—details and application form can be found [here](#).

Long Bennington Girls' Football Festival— details can be found [here](#).

