

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.

Friday 27 February
Colsterworth Music Festival at The Meres



Thursday 5 March
(new date)
FOBS Meeting 2.00pm

Tuesday 17 March

M&M Productions
'Treasure Isl:
children.



Tuesday 10 March &
Wednesday 18 March

Parent Teacher
Consultations
3.30 – 5.30

Thursday 19 March

Class and Team
Photos



Friday 20 March

Years 1/2 Class Assembly
'Wagons Roll' 9.15am

Thursday 26 March

Last Day of Term

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](#).



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

25 February 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to all of our children and families, after somewhat of a lovely half-term break. I am delighted to have the opportunity to share with you some exciting news and developments which have occurred in our school, since our last newsletter. Happy reading!

Mr L Batey Headteacher

Events in School

Large Schools' Swimming Gala

As a school, we strive to offer a wide range of opportunities for our children to participate in, enriching their experiences and helping them to develop as rounded individuals, with a sense of pride and belonging.



In the last week of term, our Year 3—6 children were entered in to the annual Large School's Swimming Gala, at the Meres. Traditionally we have done very well in this event and for the last two years have been placed 2nd. This year I am excited to inform you that our swim team came 1st, not only in the Relay event but also as the overall winners of the 2015 Large School's Swimming Gala. Congratulations to all our swimmers and thank you for the wonderful support of our parents, during this event. Well done all!

Colsterworth Music Festival

Children from our school will be participating in the Colsterworth Music Festivals Schools' Day, at The Meres, on Friday. The approximate times of our performances are below. There is an opportunity for parents to come and watch, if they would like to. I look forward to seeing you there.

Approximate timings are:

Handbell Group—9.40 am

Key Stage 1 Choir—10.55 am

Key Stage 2 Choir (singing)—11.45 am

Year 5 & 6 Choir (choral speaking) - 12.35 pm

Year 5 & 6 Dance—1.05 pm



Good luck to everyone, you have all been working very hard—remember we are all very proud of you. I am sure that all our children will be a credit to our school.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on 13 March this year. You will be able to get your red nose in school, for a minimum £1 donation to Comic Relief. We'll let you know when they arrive!



13 March 2015

FOBS -Change of meeting date

The FOBS Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, 26 February, has been postponed to THURSDAY 5 MARCH, due to events in school. We look forward to seeing you.

Revised Website

I hope that you have had a chance to look at our revised website, which went live over half term. Most of the information you need about school should now be no more than two clicks away.



If you access the site via a mobile device, you should now find that it is much easier to navigate, as it displays like an app: you can 'pin it' to your start menu and use the navigation facility to find information. However, we have discovered that in a few cases, the front screen won't close e.g. on older android devices. The 'fix' for this problem is to download free Google Chrome, and use that to access the site.

Inevitably, there have been a small number of areas where information from the previous site has not transferred across and we have already identified and corrected some of these—please let us know if you can't find anything that was previously available on the website, or if there is any additional information you think it would be helpful for us to add.



Feedback from our Curriculum Workshops

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent Curriculum Workshops, and to staff for organising them. Unfortunately, the attendance was very low—only 14 families, which is disappointing. 9 (64%) returned our feedback questionnaire. Of these, 100% found the workshops useful. 2 (22%) suggested the workshops could be held later in the evening; 2 (22%) expressed disappointment and surprise that so few parents attended.

There were many positive comments, indicating that those parents who had attended had found the workshops very helpful and informative. Comments included: *'I considered it to be a valuable evening as I learnt something or picked up a tip on how to help my children in each of the workshops I attended'*; *'It is important that I am aware of modern methods. Failure to be aware would result in unwanted confusion'*. Suggestions for possible future workshops included: Behaviour between school and home; Computing skills; Handwriting. We hope to be able to arrange further Curriculum Workshops in the future.

Out of School Clubs Questionnaire

Thank you if you have already completed our recent questionnaire regarding the possibility of before and after school clubs. If you are still to complete the questionnaire, please return it to school by this Friday, 27 February.

Our School 100 Years Ago

February 1915 School Roll 131

12 February	Last night the children contributed two items to a concert in aid of the Belgian families*
16 February	Shrove Tuesday—a holiday this afternoon.
18 February	The salary of the Head Teacher has been raised to £115 with house and rates.
19 February	Owing to the absence of two teachers work has been hindered and the timetable was not strictly followed
22 February	Four teachers are now absent. Mrs Atkins** took the infants.
26 February	The timetable has not been followed for the past week as the Head Teacher has practically had the school to himself in the matter of teaching.



*Refugees—first mention of effects of First World War

** Mrs Atkins was the Head's wife!