



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

14 January 2015

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.

Wednesday 14 January

Violin Assembly for all children



Friday 16 January

Music for Schools Presentation for children in school.

Thursday 22 January

11+ Information Evening for parents of children in Year 5

Friday 23 January

Music for Schools Presentation for Parents 3.20pm



Tuesday 27 January

Curriculum Workshop Evening for parents 3.30pm-5.15pm

Saturday 7 February

Rotary Swimathon

Thursday 12 February

Large Schools' Swimming Gala

9am-noon, Meres Leisure Centre



Friday 13 February

Last day of term.

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after our lovely Christmas break and a Happy New Year! This coming term promises to be as exciting as the last, with a range of wonderful opportunities for all our pupils. I look forward to sharing these with you.

Mr L Batey
Headteacher



Christmas 2014

I hope you enjoyed our Christmas Newsletter, where we were able to share many of our events with you. Here are a few final items from last term:

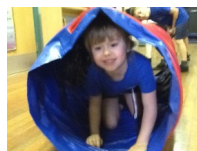
The results from our [Christmas Potted Sports Day](#) were:

Key Stage 1

1st Chichester 857 points

2nd Armstrong 838 points

3rd Scott 827 Points



Key Stage 2

1st Armstrong 1417 points

2nd Chichester 1266 points

3rd Scott 1244 points

In addition to the [Christmas Fundraising](#) reported in our Christmas Newsletter, our Key Stage 2 Choir helped to raise £400.41 for St Barnabas Hospice, by singing at The George Centre. Well done everyone. Thank you also for your Christmas Cards for re-cycling, which have now been collected from school. These will help to raise funds for Inspire+, which supports sports provision in our school.

At the end of term I shared with the children the [Bishop of Lincoln's Christmas Message](#), and a letter of thanks on behalf of the Grantham Passage, for your generous donations at our Harvest Festival. Once again thank you.

New Year—New Newsletter—New Website!

This term, we are aiming to send out a Newsletter each week, on Wednesdays. This will mean that information is more current, and that each newsletter will not be quite so long. We think that this will be a further improvement to home-school communications—please tell us what you think!

As we told you last term, we have also made some revisions to our school website, and the new version will be launching soon. We have retained the overall look, and basic structure of the current website, but refined the organisation of the content to make it easier for you to find the information you need. Everything should be no more than 'two clicks' away.

Events in School

Sports Trust Award

I am delighted to tell you that our school has been awarded the Youth Sport Trust Silver Quality Mark status. Well done to Mrs Banfield, and everyone who has helped us to achieve this award, which reflects our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles for our children.



Silver Quality
Mark 2014/15

Extra Curricular Clubs

I am very pleased that we are once again able to offer a very wide range of extracurricular clubs this term—over 20! We have specialist coaches working with both children and staff in Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Dance, Netball, Table Tennis, and Swimming, as well as many clubs run by school staff—our thanks to them for their ongoing commitment, without which we would not be able to offer such extensive extracurricular activities throughout the school.

Instrumental Tuition Opportunities

Over the next two weeks we will be showcasing the opportunities in school for individual instrumental tuition. Today, the children have enjoyed a presentation from Mrs Townsend, our violin teacher, and on Friday there will be an opportunity to be introduced to the variety of woodwind and brass instruments which can be taught in school through the Music for Schools Foundation. You are also invited to join us for a presentation to parents/carers on Friday 23 January at 3.20pm. You will be able to reserve a place/places via Parentmail2 from the beginning of next week if you would like to attend.

11+ Information Evening

There will be an information evening for parents of children in Year 5, who are considering entering their children for the 11+ examination on 22 January at 5.00pm. Please reserve a place/places via Parentmail2 if you would like to attend.

Curriculum Workshops for Parents/Carers

We would like to invite you to a Curriculum Workshop Evening for parents 3.30pm-5.15pm. The workshops are available to all of our parents and will cover topics such as: on-line safety at home; how to support and develop further reading skills for children as well as other topics. Please watch out for the 'Curriculum Workshop' letter later this week.



Staffing



I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Selby's baby arrived safely last Saturday—a little girl, Evelyn Mai. Our warmest congratulations to her, and to Mr Selby.

I am also very pleased to welcome Mrs Waller to our Administration Team—she will be your first point of contact on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We also welcome Mrs Woodward who has begun her additional role as a Teaching Assistant to support our Reception Year group.

Start of the School Day

Our arrangements for the smooth start of the school day are being very well supported by the majority of our parents—thank you to all our parents who do follow the school's guidance.

Could I please remind everyone that children should be brought to school to arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am. Recently there have been large numbers of children gathered at the gate before 8.45am, (approximately 90 children) which creates congestion and blocks the pavement, possibly forcing both adults and children into the road.



Please don't arrive at the school gates before 8.45am.



Also, please don't bring your car into Church Street—we have communicated with parents many times about this, but unfortunately some people still persist in compromising the safety of pedestrians by parking and manoeuvring close to the school. Some cars are even parked, with their engines running, as early as 8.15am!

Your child is expected to be in the school playground by 8.55am every day. There are still some children arriving late on a regular basis. Please adjust your morning routine if this applies to you. Any child who arrives after 9.10am, when the register has closed and returned to the office, will be marked as an unauthorised absence, in accordance with government guidelines; unless you have previously contacted the school with a valid reason for lateness. If you know your child is going to be late please contact school.

Admission to Reception September 2015—Final Reminder

All parents who would like a school place for their child MUST apply through the Local Authority, even if you have already made school aware that you have a younger child due to start school next September. Failure to apply by the deadline of **12 noon on 15 January 2015 (tomorrow)** may mean that we cannot offer your child a place.

To apply, or find more information, please go to the [Admissions](#) part of the Lincolnshire County Council website

We have a high number of applications this year for children who already have a sibling in school. These siblings are across a range of year groups in school. You will have received a request to let us know if you have a younger child due to start school next year (September 2016). Please let us have this information as soon as possible, as this will help us to plan for future intakes.

FOBS Minutes

You can find Minutes from Friends of Barrowby School Meetings [here](#).

Inspire+ Sports Camp

You can find out about opportunities for half term activities [here](#).



Winter is here! Are your ParentMail2 contact details up to date?

Although we hope that we won't have too much wintry weather, we would like to remind you that school will remain open unless conditions are extremely severe. **However, please make sure that your Parentmail2 contact details are up to date, so that you receive any messages promptly if we do have severe weather.**

Our School 100 Years Ago

A century ago, the new school year began on 1 February. Children only moved up a class ('promoted' if they had reached the required standard.

From our School Log Book January 1915

January 11 Twenty two infants are absent this morning suffering from colds and coughs.

January 15 The Cookery Class commenced today, under Miss Ferguson as teacher.

January 22 J.H. Salt Esq H.M.I inspected this school to-day and stayed for both morning and afternoon sessions.

January 29 Practically all the children were promoted to-day.

