



**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,

Thursday 18 December 2014  
**Term ends.**

Tuesday 6 January  
**Children return to school.**

Friday 23 January  
Music for Schools Presentation for Parents 3.20pm

Saturday 7 February  
Rotary Swimarathon

Thursday 12 February  
Large Schools' Swimming Gala 9am-noon, Meres Leisure Centre

Friday 13 February  
**Last day of term.**

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what a festive couple of weeks! Nativities, Choir Festivals, Christmas Potted Sports and Carol Singing are some of the many exciting opportunities our children have enjoyed, this Advent. My thanks to all of you who have continued to support our school and children, I hope you enjoy our Festive newsletter, celebrating school life. Enjoy your Christmas, with heartfelt best wishes... Merry Christmas everyone!

Mr L Batey  
Headteacher



Year 4 children Decorating our Christmas Tree

Christmas Fundraising

Thanks you to FOBs, and to everyone who supported our fundraising over Christmas. We raised:



Reception Christmas Nativity: £177.66.

KS1 Nativity: £300.29.

KS2 Christmas Concert: £252.73.

FOBS have also received a donation from Yorkshire Bank for £500 .

Our grateful thanks to them, and especially to Mrs Jasinski and Mrs Harvey.

Combined DVD and CD sales: £138.50

**Fundraising Total for Christmas: £1430.18** Well done everyone!

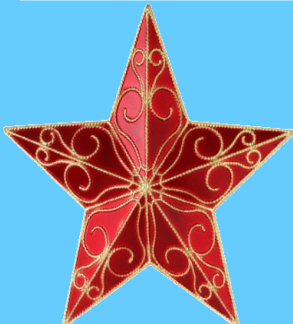
Events in School



Reception children thought about the Christmas Story as they arranged our Nativity Scene, at the beginning of Advent.



Children from our Shout! Citizenship Group packed bags at Morrison's to raise money for the 'Text Santa' Charity.



## Celebrating Christmas in Music



Our Year 5 & 6 Choir at Walton Girls High School Choir Festival



Our Year 5 & 6 Choir sing at Priory Ruskin Academy.



Our Year 5 Christmas Handbell Ringers performed after our afternoon Key Stage 2 Concerts, and for the whole school in an assembly.



Our full Key Stage 2 Choir Carol Singing at The George Centre in Grantham.



## Three wonderful Christmas performances!



Reception: 'Simply Nativity' pictured above.

Below:

Key Stage 1: 'Mend the Manger'



Key Stage 2: 'Do the Christmas Rock'





## Christmas Fun

Santa and his Elves visited our Reception and Key Stage 1 children, on Wednesday to hear some Christmas songs, and give out presents.

Thank you to Santa for finding time in his very busy schedule to visit us, and to FOBS for supporting him.



All our children enjoyed fun and games on our 'Christmas Potted Sports' Day on Tuesday.



On the last day of term, we celebrated Christmas together in our end of term service at Barrowby Church, and, for the very first time, enjoyed a hot Christmas lunch in school. Thank you to those governors who were able to join us, and to FOBS for donating Christmas Crackers for all the children.



### New indoor games

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Gallagher for their kind donation of indoor games.

## Staffing

Mrs Selby begins her Maternity Leave after Christmas, and we look forward to hearing about her new arrival in due course. Mrs Wright returns from her Maternity Leave, and will be supporting Key Stage 2 classes for 2 1/2 days each week. Mrs Woodward, who is already a Mid-day Supervisor at our school, has also been appointed as a Teaching Assistant, to support our Reception children, across both Reception and Reception/Year 1 classes.



There are also some changes in our Administrative department: we welcome Mrs Waller, who is joining us as an Administrative Assistant on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Midgley (Administrator) will continue as at present, and Mrs Waghorn (Senior Administrator) will be reducing her hours and will continue to be in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## Attendance Certificates



As you know, we work hard to promote high levels of attendance and punctuality at our school. In previous years, children who have had 100% attendance for the whole year have been presented with a certificate at the end of the year. This year, we are introducing bronze, silver and gold attendance awards—bronze for one term's 100% attendance, silver for two terms, and gold for a full year. The first bronze certificates have been awarded today. We appreciate that children may sometimes have to be absent through illness, but feel that it is important to reward high attendance and punctuality. To qualify for 100% attendance a child must have attended both sessions for each school day, and arrived each morning before the registers close (under government regulations, a late arrival after registers close must be recorded as an unauthorised absence for that session). We will be writing to individual parents next term, to alert them if their child's attendance has fallen below the average for this school, and to offer support in improving their child's attendance.

## Hot School Meals

As you know, I wrote to you recently regarding our hot school meal provider, Food4Thought, and possible future developments involving a change of provider, through the Local Authority. At present, we have not received any firm information from the Local Authority about an alternative provider, supplying meals from a kitchen in Grantham. We are in ongoing discussions with them, and with Food4Thought, regarding the long term supply of hot school meals to our school. For the time being, please continue to order meals for your children from Food4Thought for the new term is the usual way— please note that you will see that the menus now say 'School Meals from Ideal' - please remember that you need to order by **Tuesday 30 December** for your child to have hot meals in the first week of term.



## Admission to Reception September 2015—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 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 or ask at the school office if you would like an information pack. At this stage in the process, it looks as though we will have a high number of applications this year for children who already have a sibling in school (across a range of year groups in school).

## School Milk

The first day for school milk will be Wednesday 7 January, due to delivery schedules.

## FOBS Minutes

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





### Christmas Card Recycling

You will be able to recycle your Christmas Cards at school this year—please click [here](#) for more information. Not only is this an environmentally friendly way of dealing with your cards once Christmas is over, it also raises funds for Inspire+, which support sports events and provision in our school.

### Winter is Coming! 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.**





## Christmas at Barrowby Church

**Sunday 21 December**  
**6.00pm Carols by Candlelight**

*Our traditional service of carols old and new, & bible readings telling of God's love in sending His son to us. Followed by coffee and mince pies.*



**Christmas Eve**

**10.30am A Birthday Party for Jesus!**  
*A short, fun and informal time of worship for children, but grown-ups can come too! Balloons, Birthday Cake, Puppets, and more.*

**11.30pm Midnight Communion**



**Christmas Day**

**8.30am Holy Communion**  
**10.30am Family Worship**

*Pop the turkey in the oven and bring the family to celebrate the birth of Jesus!*



**Sunday 28 December**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

*After all the excitement – a time of peaceful music and reflection on God's wonderful gift.*

