



**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,

Wednesday 26  
November 2014

Key Stage 2 Disco  
3.30—5.00pm

(Tickets £2 from school, to cover cost of  
disco hire. Free refreshments)



Tuesday 2 December 2014  
Reception  
Christmas Celebration  
Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 4 December 2014

Key Stage 1  
Nativity Performance 2.00pm



Friday 5 December 2014

Key Stage 1  
Nativity Performance 9.30am

Walton Girls' High School  
Choir Festival 5.00pm



Thursday 11  
December 2014

Key Stage 2  
Christmas Concert  
2.00pm & 6.00pm  
in Barrowby Church

Wednesday 17 December 2014

Christmas Party and Panto Day

Thursday 18 December 2014

School Christmas Service  
Christmas Lunch  
Term ends.



Dear Parents/Carers

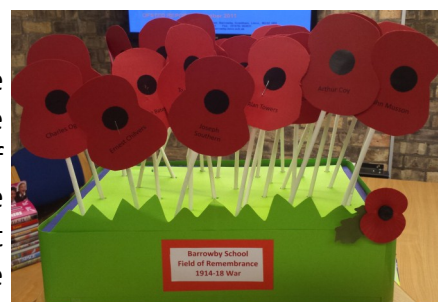
Wow, what a busy couple of weeks it has been for everyone at school. Thanks go to all members of our community who continue to support school life. I am very much looking forward to sharing our upcoming events with all of you.

Mr L Batey -Headteacher

Events in School

**Remembrance Assembly**

On November 11, we held a whole school assembly for Remembrance Day. We created a miniature Field of Remembrance to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the first world war, and observed the 2 minute silence at 11.00am



**SHOUT!**

Our Shout! Group have been collecting in our 'Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes' - if you are filling a shoebox, but have not yet returned it, please bring it to school on Monday. We haven't yet received as many boxes as usual this year, so we are very much hoping that you are all just putting the finishing touches to them!



These boxes really do mean a great deal to the children who receive them—thank you for your support.

Shout! Members have also completed a sponsored event for Guide Dogs UK this term. Shout! membership encourages independence, responsibility, and pupil leadership, and is an important part of our extra-curricular provision.

**Reception Curriculum Meeting**

Parents of children in our Reception year group were invited into school on 11 November, for a Curriculum meeting. Many thanks to FOBS members who provided refreshments.

**Children in Need**

Thank you for your support of our Children in Need activities in school today. We will let you know how much was raised, and share some of the fun things that went on, in our next newsletter.



## Boys' Large Schools' Football Tournament



Our Boys Team took part in the Tournament at the Low Fields, Barrowby, on 13 November.

The results were:

Cliffedale 5	Barrowby 0
Beltom Lane 1	Barrowby 1
National 3	Barrowby 1
Malcolm Sargent 2	Barrowby 0
Harlaxton 0	Barrowby 2

Well done boys for representing our school.

## British Heart Foundation Coffee Morning

One of our Key Stage 2 Pupils is organising this fundraising event (with parental support). The Coffee Morning is on Saturday 22 November at The Reading Room— you can find further information [here](#). Please support this event, which is a lovely example of independence, and helping others. Well done!



## Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances—change to performance times.

As you know, this year, for the first time, we have to combine using the hall for hot school meals, with arrangements for our Christmas events. As I am sure you will understand, this has not been easy, as we have to accommodate a stage, as well as the dining tables! However, I am very pleased to tell you that we have been able to find solutions which enable us to bring you a very special Christmas Assembly by our Reception

children, and two performances of our Key Stage 1 Nativity 'Mend the Manger' (Year 1 and 2 children). However, to minimise disruption on performance days, we have had to make changes to the times of our Key Stage 1 Nativity performances. The performance on **Thursday 4 December will now begin at 2.00pm**, which gives us a little more time to set out 100 chairs and dress the stage, after clearing away the dining tables.

**The performance on Friday 5 December will now be at 9.30am.** This will allow us to leave the hall set up after the first performance, and clear away in time for lunch after the second performance. Tickets will be available shortly—as usual, we hope to be able to offer parents two tickets per family for the performance of their choice. The Reception Christmas Assembly is on Tuesday 2 December, at 9.30am.

## E-Communications

In addition to the website upgrade we told you about in our last newsletter, we are also hoping to update our e-communications by upgrading from Parentmail2 to ParentmailX. This will give us the potential to create electronic surveys, which we hope will increase the response rate, and also to offer an online booking system for Parent/Teacher consultation meetings. We will keep you informed of progress.



## Beginning of the school day



We have recently noticed that some parents and children are using the grass, rather than the path, when coming into school. Please try to stay on the path, as it will not take long for the grass to become worn and muddy if a lot of people walk on it, and this will inevitably mean mud being walked into school, as well as detracting from our school environment. Thank you for your support.

## News from Inspire+

The next Olympic Sports Camp takes place over 4 days in the February Half-term. You can find out more [here](#). Inspire+ have teamed up with a charity called GivingABit. This allows people to generate donations for Inspire+ from companies when they shop online. This is completely free to the customer—more details are available [here](#). All donations are re-invested into schools through the continuation of services and initiatives to benefit young people through physical activity.

## Drama Opportunity

Talented youngsters are needed to form the cast of a production of the classic musical epic Les Misérables School Edition to be staged next summer. Auditions are being held to find Lincolnshire's best young singers and actors to perform lead roles and form the ensemble in the show which is being produced by Lincoln based company MJH Productions. You can find out more [here](#).



## Sports Legacy Tour

On November 7, we held an assembly in school about adventurer Sarah Outen. On 11 November, Year 6 Young Ambassadors handed over the Inspire + oar, as part of this year's Inspire + Legacy Tour, to Great Ponton. It is for Sarah Outen's epic adventure where she is travelling London to London via the world using human power only. The Sports Committee wrote a message of congratulations on the oar which will be presented to Sarah on her completion of her adventure which she started in 2011 and hopes to complete in the Summer of 2015. ('Congratulations! You are a great inspiration to us all!')

We thoroughly enjoyed our Legacy Tour Assembly where we found out more about Sarah and gave some questions to Inspire + for Sarah to answer via email. Year 4, 5 and 6 also took part in an exciting challenge of taking it in turns to ride on an exercise bike measuring the distance travelled each time. All the results have been calculated and we hope to be the school in our area that has travelled the furthest! Here is the message of encouragement we have sent to Sarah directly: ***Good Luck Sarah and keep up the hard work! You are a great inspiration to all of us and we hope that one day we can try to be as brave as you!***

[Below are the questions we wrote and responses from Sarah—please share these with your children.](#)

***When and where do you eat?*** I eat lots of calories and protein to fuel my journey and keep my muscles happy. At sea on the rowing boat I have to pack all my food before I go. Things like pasta, rice, flapjacks, dried fruit and nuts are all really good. For kayaking I have to carry enough food for as long as it takes between resupply points - anything up to one month. That's a lot of food for a little boat! Having snacks that are easy to eat while paddling is useful as I cannot always stop on land to eat, except at the end of the day. Now that I am biking, I carry food for a few days at a time and treat myself to the odd meal in a cafe from time to time. Now that it is regularly -20C I am eating LOADS! My body uses lots of energy just to stay warm.

***Any regrets about starting your adventure?*** Absolutely not. It is one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have learned so much, met so many amazing people, grown in confidence after overcoming challenges which I thought I could never do and I think it has made me a better person.

***How many pairs of boots have you worn out?*** Two pairs of bike shoes, one pair of boots, one pair of flip flops and one pair of kayaking boots.

***Where do you sleep and wash?*** On the rowing boat I live aboard my little boat for months at a time, never coming ashore until I reach land. Everything happens on there! I have a little cabin for sleeping in and a machine to turn salt water into drinking water - I wash in a bucket on deck. On the kayak phases I share a tent with my paddling partner Justine. I like to wash in streams or waterfalls when I can. When I am biking I mostly sleep in my tent although I often get invited to stay in people's homes so I take the chance to shower when I can!

***What motivated you to carry on after your accident?*** The big storm that damaged my boat was unfortunate, but to me it wasn't a good reason to stop. I learned from the things that happened and made changes to improve my new boat, which is the important thing - learning and adapting when you can. It was scary to go back but it felt really good. The journey still meant a lot to me and I am so glad I did carry on.

***How do you keep confident when things go wrong?*** It is really important to look after your self confidence as it can be really hard to do things without it - who will believe in us if we don't believe in ourselves? I talk to myself with lots of encouraging words and I visualise all the things I want to happen. If I find myself having negative thoughts, I listen to them for a short time and then tell them to STOP! Focussing on all the positive things you can do is really helpful and reminding yourself that you are only human is also helpful. Sometimes things happen outside of our control and we can do nothing about them.

***Have you met any interesting people on your journey?*** I love meeting new people and hearing their stories and finding out about life in their part of the world. I have learned so much from them and have been made to feel so welcome. My favourite story is of Gao, the Chinese cyclist, who made a snap decision to join me on my ride across China!

***What's the most amazing landscape you have seen?*** The contrasts in landscapes - and seascapes- have been fantastic. The dusty browns and reds of the scorching Gobi desert contrasted with the lush rich colours of Autumn forests in Alaska, the dramatic volcanoes of the Aleutian islands, the flat bright blue of a sunny day on the Pacific or the Rocky Mountains in Canada in the snow. All of it has been amazing - it is hard to pick a favourite!

## The Barrowby Dining Experience

### Nuts

Nuts of any kind, including peanuts, are not permitted in school, as we have children with nut allergies, which can be extremely serious. Thank you for your support.



### Survey Results

Thank you to those parents who took part in our recent survey about the introduction of hot school meals. The response rate was very low—only 39 forms were returned, representing 54 children (21%). However, those who did respond were very positive, with only a small minority of negative comments.

Of the 27 children represented in KS1, 24 had a hot meal every day, 2 had hot meals on some days, and 1 had packed lunches.

Of the 27 children represented in KS2, 14 had a hot meal every day and 13 had a hot meal some days.

Of those who responded :



#### **About The Barrowby Dining Experience:**

**96% said their child enjoyed having a hot meal**

**92% said their child benefited from having a hot meal**

**96% said their child would have hot meals in the future**

**96% said the new arrangements encouraged good table manners**

#### **About Food4Thought**

**68% found registering easy**

**96% found it easy to contact Food4Thought, or had not contacted them**

**96% found ordering easy**

**84% said problems were resolved swiftly, or had not had any problems**

Parents' **positive comments** included: their children were enjoying the meals more than they had expected (and therefore having them more often); children were choosing different foods and enjoying them; children were encouraged to try foods, especially vegetables, by their friends.

There were also some **negative comments**, which included: portion sizes are not large enough for some older children; difficulties when some menu options had run out (hopefully this is a problem which has been resolved since the introduction of menu cards for Key Stage 2, as well as Key Stage 1); Food4Thought's ordering system could be made simpler and quicker to use.

We will continue to work with our hot meal provider to address any issues raised.

### Packed lunches and drinks at lunchtime

As you know, all our children now have lunch together in the school hall, including those who have packed lunches. To encourage good manners at the dining table, children with packed lunches are being encouraged to pour their drink in to a beaker at lunchtime, if they have brought a drink from home (water is freely available to all children during lunch).



We are also considering encouraging children who have brought a packed lunch to transfer their lunch onto a plate rather than eating it from their lunch box, to enhance their dining experience and promote good table manners. We will inform you if we decide to implement this with the children.



## Friends of Barrowby School at Christmas

Once again, FOBS are supporting our Christmas Events in school, and need your help!

**Key Stage 2 Disco**  
Wednesday 26 November 3.30-5.00pm

Helpers needed—please come to the FOBS meeting on 20 November, at 2.00pm in school, or let a FOBS member know if you can help.



We also need:

**RAFFLE PRIZES** for



Key Stage 2 Disco  
and  
Reception and Key stage 1 Christmas performances—please send these to school as soon as possible!

**MINCE PIES** etc.  
for refreshments after each of the above performances  
—please send these into school in the week before the performance.

Thank you for your support.