

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.

Wed 08 Oct 2014

[Book Fair Week](#)



Tue 14 Oct 2014

[Parent Teacher Consultation](#)

Thursday 16 October
Year 4 PGL Class Assembly
2.30pm
Year 4 parents are invited to join us.

Friday 17 Oct 2014 2.00pm—
[Friends of Barrowby School](#)
[AGM](#) Please note change of date and time.

Wednesday 22 Oct 2014

[London Residential](#) [Visit Information](#) [Meeting](#)



Thursday 23
Oct 2014 -
Term ends for children



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

October 2014 1st Edition

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very exciting few weeks in our school which have been enjoyed by pupils, staff and parents alike. It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Parents Evening and Harvest Festival, yesterday. Thank you for your continued support and generous donations of food for the Grantham Passage. As we look forward together, to the next few weeks, I am thrilled to be able to share our good news about our recent awards which celebrate our arts and sports provision in school.

Mr L Batey
Headteacher

Events in School

Artsmark

I am delighted to inform you that our school has recently been awarded Artsmark status for the first time. Artsmark is Arts Council England's flagship programme which enables schools and other organisations to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision. It is delivered by Trinity College London and 10 regional Bridge organisations drive participation.

Achieving Artsmark status demonstrates that our school has a number of very special qualities. It demonstrates that we:

- ◆ have an excellent arts and cultural offer
- ◆ are forward thinking and open to development
- ◆ are committed to investing in our staff and young people
- ◆ are committed to listening to our students and providing opportunities for our community
- ◆ have an effective approach to building sustainable relationships with arts and cultural organisations
- ◆ value the arts and culture through a broad and balanced curriculum

To achieve Artsmark, we had to undergo a rigorous application process, followed by a validation visit from a professional arts consultant. We were assessed on many areas of our provision including arts in the curriculum, extra-curricular arts activities, how we work with artists and arts organisations and how well our arts provision impacts on staff development and the wider community.

We hope you share our pride in being nationally recognised for our arts and cultural provision. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff, pupils, and governors for making this possible.



School Games Silver Mark



I am also delighted to tell you that we have been awarded the School Games Silver Mark. The Games are designed to build on the magic of 2012 to enable every school and child to participate in competitive sport, including meaningful opportunities for disabled youngsters.

Nationally and locally the Sainsbury's School Games is being delivered through partnerships. The national partnership is made up of:

- the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), which has overall policy leadership, supported by the Department for Education (DofE) and the Department of Health (DOH);
- Sport England, which is the Lottery distributor and are supporting the engagement of Sports Governing Bodies and County Sports Partnerships;
- the Youth Sport Trust, the landscape lead organisation for school sport, which has been commissioned by Sport England to provide development support to schools, sports and other local partners.

Over £128m of Lottery and Government funding is being invested to support the School Games. This includes: up to £35.5m Lottery funding from Sport England between 2010-15; £28.4m exchequer funding from the Department of Health and Sport England to fund 450 School Games Organisers (SGOs) and Change4Life Clubs.

At a local level, the Sainsbury's School Games is delivered by schools, clubs, county sports partnerships and other local partners.

PGL Residential Visit



Last Thursday and Friday, Year 4 took part in our annual residential visit to PGL Caythorpe.

They had a fabulous time and the sun shone for us! The children all experienced rock climbing, archery and problem solving and enjoyed a camp fire late into the evening! They were a pleasure to take away for the night and made all the staff who accompanied them extremely proud.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous support of Grantham Passage at our Harvest Festival yesterday. I hope you enjoyed sharing this celebration with us, if you were able to attend. You can find a colour version of the order of service [here](#). Thank you also for your support for FOBS Macmillan Cancer Care tea and coffee event. We will let you know how much was raised in our next newsletter.

Bookfair

Our Bookfair continues to run until Tuesday 14 October—closing at 3.45pm.

Pupil Leadership

Elections are currently underway for many pupil leadership opportunities in school, including School, and Class Councils.

We look forward to working with these groups in the near future.



Curriculum Information

As you may know, a revised National Curriculum came into effect from 1 September 2014. This has meant some changes to the topics studied by each class. You can find Curriculum Booklets, including the new Thematic Plans available on your child's class pages:

[Mrs Banfield's Class](#)

[Miss Hartley/Mrs Selby's Class](#)

[Miss Sugden's Class](#)

[Mrs Goodband/ Mrs Tinkley's Class](#)

[Y3](#)

[Y4](#)

[Y5](#)

[Y6](#)



For Children in Reception (EYFS) and KS1 you can find information about Letters and Sounds for each week here:

[Green—Miss Hartley](#) [Orange—Miss Sugden](#) [Blue—Mrs Goodband and Mrs Tinkley](#) [Purple—Mrs Banfield](#)

Pupil Premium

Our Pupil Premium Report 2014-15, is now available [here](#). The report describes how we are proposing to use the available Pupil Premium Funds to support pupils in our school. An important new proposal is to investigate the potential for establishing a before and after school club for the benefit of our pupils and families. Currently, we are exploring our options and hope to be in a position to share these developments with you in the near future.

Sport Premium

Our Sport Premium Report 2014-15 is now available - you can find it [here](#). I am delighted that we have been able to offer 22 extra-curricular clubs, including 8 sports clubs, this term. These are run either by members of staff or specialist coaches.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

If you have not yet completed and returned the new form for checking eligibility for Free School Meals, you can find it [here](#). Please complete and return the form, even if your child is in Key Stage 1, as eligible children attract additional Pupil Premium Funding.

You will only be asked to provide the information once. However, the system has to be triggered to re-check for eligibility, so **please inform us if your circumstances change**, so that we can make sure that your status is kept up to date, and that free meals can be available to you as soon as possible, if you are eligible.

Attendance

Attendance is regularly monitored, and we will write to you if your child's attendance falls below the expected levels, to see if there are ways in which we can support you.

Under the new regulations which came into force in September 2013, a child who arrives after the register closes - 9.10am in this school - must be marked as an unauthorised absence for that half day session. However, if there is an unavoidable reason for the late arrival, we may be able to authorise the absence, provided we are informed before 9.10am. **Please telephone or email school if your child is unavoidably delayed.**

If a child arrives after the start of school—8.55am—but before the registers close, this will be marked as lateness on your child's attendance record. Most of our children are on time every day—thank you—but if you know that your child is sometimes late, please try to ensure that your child is on time, as this ensures a smooth start to their school day.

Morrisons 'Let's Grow' Vouchers

We are collecting these vouchers once again this year, so if you shop at Morrisons, please send the vouchers into school. In past years we have been able to order good quality gardening and cooking equipment through this scheme, and hope to be able to further enhance provision this year.



Keeping Our Children Safe

Parking



As many of you will know, parking in Church Street and the surrounding roads has been a problem for many years.

Parked cars, and drivers manoeuvring near the school present a real hazard to the safety of all our children and other pedestrians and road users. Cars parked in Rectory Lane cause an obstruction, and force cars onto the wrong side of the road.

I know that many of our parents support us in our request not to park in Church Street, or anywhere that might present a hazard, and once again I thank you for your support.

However, there are still many cars being brought into Church Street—sometimes up to half an hour before the beginning or end of the school day, and some are even left with their engines running, adding the additional hazard of pollution!

Parking is available at the British Legion, just five minutes from school, so there is no reason for parents/carers to bring cars into Church Street.

It may seem more convenient to park in Church Street—but is it worth the risk to a child's safety?

If you bring your child to school by car you have a clear choice: park away from school and help our children to be safe, or park in and around Church Street and put them in danger.

Please make the right choice. Thank you for your support.

Police Visit

A recent police operation in Barrowby was witnessed by some of our children, and caused them concern.

We have arranged a police visit to separate Key Stage 1 and 2 assemblies on 15 October, to help them understand the role of the police. I am sure that this will alleviate any worries that children may have.

