

## DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on our website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar.

**Thursday 11 February**

Schools' Swimming Gala at The Meres.



**Friday 12th February**

Year 1/2 Class Assembly 9.15am.

Parents are invited to join us.

**Friday 12 February**

School closes for half term.

**Monday 22 February** school re-opens

**Tuesday 23 February**

Information Evening 3.30pm.

**Friday 26 February**

Colsterworth Music Festival at The Meres.



**Tuesday 1 March**

Years 5 & 6 visit to the Bible Exhibition at Bethesda Church.

**Tuesday 8 March**

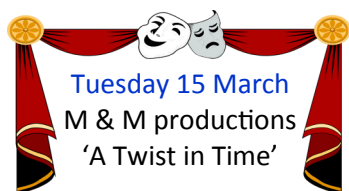
Parent/Teacher Consultation 3.30-6.30pm.

**Thursday 10 March**

Reception/Year 1 Class Assembly 9.15am. Parents are invited to join us.

**Thursday 10—Friday 11 March**

Bikeability Course



**Tuesday 15 March**  
M & M productions  
'A Twist in Time'

**Wednesday 16 March**

Parent/Teacher Consultation 3.30-6.30pm.

**Wednesday 23 March**

School Easter Service in Barrowby Church 9.15am.

Reception parents are invited to join us.

**Thursday 24 March**

School closes for Easter Holidays



**Friday 11th March**

Meeting in school at 2.00 pm.  
All are welcome.



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

## 10 February 2016

*Dear Parents/Carers*

*We all continue to work hard for the benefit of all our pupils, at Barrowby CE Primary School. The half term holiday is approaching and I can't quite believe where the time has gone. I hope you will join us on the 23rd February, for our 'School Developments' Information evening and enjoy the half term break. Happy reading!*

Mr L Batey Headteacher

### School Events

#### Swimarathon



It was an early start for the 60 swimmers, who took part in the annual Rotary Swimarathon, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February! We began our swim at 8.30am and had 8 lanes of very excited and enthusiastic swimmers, including: pupils from Years 3-6, parents and family members, staff and a lane of former pupils, who all swam in relay, for an hour.

We are really pleased to announce that we completed a staggering total of 1204 lengths, 30100 metres, 18.7 miles! Well done everyone, this was such an amazing effort and made this our best Swimarathon yet! If you would like to make a donation of sponsorship please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=barrowbyprimaryschool> and help us reach our target of making £1000 to support local charities.

#### Roots to Food follow up

Inspired by our recent Healthy Food cookery workshops in school, one of our Year 4 pupils decided to cook these salmon fish cakes at home, carefully following the recipe provided. The meal looks delicious—well done!



**School Developments Information Evening**  
**Tuesday 23 February 3.30pm**

You are welcome to bring your children with you to this event

## Safer Internet Day 2016

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, we joined hundreds of other organisations across the UK in celebrating 'Safer Internet Day,' promoting the safe and responsible use of technology.



The theme, this year, is 'Play your part for a better internet', offering the opportunity to focus on both the creative and positive things that children and young people are doing online, as well as the role that we all play in helping to create a better internet. A range of activities will take place throughout the day and all pupils were given an update of our school 'E-Safety Leaflet.' To learn more about E-safety and keeping your child/ren safe on-line, please visit our [school website](#).

## School Website Developments

### Recent Surveys

Thank you for taking part in our recent surveys—your views are important to us, and help us to plan for the future. All survey and questionnaire results are available on our [school website](#).

Please click on the links below to read individual outcomes for:

[Reception Entry Questionnaire Results](#)

[Curriculum Workshop 2016 Survey](#)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for completing and submitting the RE questionnaire which we sent out last half term. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and we are very pleased with the findings. Your responses have been analysed and can be viewed via the links below.

[Reception: Religious Education Survey](#)

[Years 1-6: Religious Education Survey](#)



Please take the time to read the survey and further understand any areas of Religious Education or Collective Worship which you are unfamiliar with. As a Church of England Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that we have strong links with the local church and the diocese.

As part of the diocesan community we strive to ensure that every child flourishes in all areas: academically, socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically and that every child has the opportunity to explore the richness of faith within an inclusive context.

Everyday something exciting is happening within our Religious Education curriculum or our daily Acts of Worship and, going forward, it is our intention to continue to share these exciting opportunities with our school community, through our weekly newsletter and via the school website.

### 11+ information

All information about the 11+ exam and preparation can now be found on a [special page](#) under the 'Parents' section on the school website. This section covers the support and guidance our school can offer as well as answering questions and providing further information about the 11+ process.

### School Developments

Another new section has been added to the 'Parents' section of the school website, so that our school community can track and become involved with the proposed developments to our school. To find out more about projects such as the 'Tree House', please visit our [school website](#) or join us on the 23rd February at 3.30pm, in the school hall.

## Unauthorised Absence—Formal Warning letters.



As you know, schools can only authorise term time absence for children in exceptional circumstances. We ask all our parents not to take their children out of school, except for medical appointments, and other exceptional events that cannot take place at any other time.

If children are taken out of school without authorisation, it may sometimes become necessary to request that a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued.

We are required to give formal notice that this may happen, and, up until now, we have done this on an individual basis when we are unable to authorise a requested absence. However, in order to ensure fairness, we have now been recommended to issue the formal warning to all parents, whether or not they have requested a term time absence.

***Our advice has been that these letters should not be sent electronically, therefore letters will be sent home, with your children, on Friday.***

We know that the majority of our parents do not take their children out of school in term time, unless it is absolutely necessary. If this is the case, please regard the letter as ***'for information only'***. Please also be assured that our [policy](#) on absence has not changed. Absences for illness, medical matters, bereavement etc. will continue to be authorised, provided a ['Request for Term Time Absence'](#) form has been completed. Requests for other absences are always considered on an individual basis, and if a requested absence is for a genuinely exceptional reason, we will help if we can.

Thank you to everyone who helps us to maintain our very high level of attendance, which is in the best interests of our children.

## Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' Vouchers

We are collecting these vouchers again this year, so please send them in to school if you shop, or buy petrol, at Sainsbury's. Vouchers will be issued until 3 May 2016, and can be brought to school up until 8 July.

This [scheme](#) helps to provide extra P.E. and Sports equipment for our school. Thank you for your support.

