

DIARY DATES

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

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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.

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

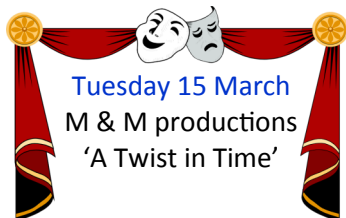
Parent/Teacher Consultation 3.30-6.30pm.

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

27 January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow, what another very busy week we have had here at Barrowby CE Primary School. It was lovely to see so many of you at our recently held Curriculum Workshops for parents and thank you to those of you that joined us, at our Roots to Food-Parental Demonstration. I hope you enjoy reading this week's news.

Events in School

Mr L Batey Headteacher

Healthy Eating

'Roots to Food' Event

On Tuesday 26th January, Darren Tinkler of Roots to Food spent the day working with the whole school, the focus being healthy eating and nutrition. Firstly, Key Stage 2 took part in a workshop 'in a Ready Steady Cook style' competition. Mrs Webster led the orange team and Mrs Silby led the green team, ably assisted by a group of children, as Commis chefs. Children learnt about the different food types, what a balanced diet consists of and how to eat healthily. They learnt that breakfast is needed as the most important meal of the day, helping us all to concentrate and giving us energy.



The orange team carefully prepared 'Pan Fried Chicken and Tomato Pesto.' The finishing presentation: in the colours of the Italian flag. The green team took up the challenge of making 'Cheese and Chive Salmon Fishcakes' with the rice being presented as a sandcastle. Both teams were supported by their mentor Mrs Hardwick who prepared the vegetables beforehand for both teams. The final vote was provided by the audience and the green team won, but it was a closely fought battle.

In the afternoon, Key Stage 1 started their workshop with activities that burn energy, expertly demonstrated by Mr Tinkler who managed a perfect pike, tuck jump and 360 degree rotation in the air. Next, the children learnt how much a portion of your five a day consists of (a cup of your hand), followed by children making of a fruity 'Smoothie.' This contained orange and apple juice, bananas, melon and blueberries. The delicious finished product was tasted by all of the children.

Finally, the evening workshop for parents continued with information about healthy eating and nutrition. Mrs Parnaby and Mrs Crane kindly volunteered to participate in the making of delicious 'Cajun Meatballs,' which were then devoured by parents and children alike. The whole school learnt so much about food and were provided with important healthy eating messages.

All children will also be given a Change 4 Life Sugar Smart pack to bring home, and will be following up their healthy eating workshops by becoming 'Food Detectives' in class, using a range of Change 4 Life resources; developing further our healthy school's ethos.



Athletics



On Friday 22nd January, the Indoor Athletic Team competed against 5 other large Primary Schools, at the Meres Leisure Centre. Each child competed in up to two field and two track events including: sprint relays, obstacle and an over/under race on the track. The field events were standing long jump, vertical jump, triple jump, speed bounce and javelin. Great team spirit, determination and independence was demonstrated by all. The placings were extremely close and Barrowby scored highly in a range of events. The team finished in joint 4th place, an improvement on last year. A big well done to everyone who took part!

Curriculum Workshops

On Tuesday 26th January, we held our annual Curriculum Workshop evening for parents covering a range of topics, including: introduction of Tapestry; expectations for children at both end of Year 2 and Year 6; supporting areas of Spelling and developing further understanding of the Phonics checker at Key Stage 1 and introducing the Spelling Jotter for Year 3-6; SRE as well as providing parents with a deeper understanding of how to promote and develop further Mental Maths strategies, at Year 5 and 6. Thank you for attending and I hope you found it useful. We aim to survey those parents who attended, in order to evaluate the impact of these workshops. We will share those findings with you.

Balanceability

On Monday, all our Reception children had the opportunity to take part in Balanceability' cycle training. Using special bikes, without pedals, children learned how to balance and control the bike, as the first important stage of being able to ride a bike without using stabilisers. Everyone had fun learning to balance.



Inspired by a school club!

This lovely scarf was made by French Knitting 'on fingers,' after being inspired by our after school 'French Knitting Club.' Well done—it looks beautiful, and very cosy too.



Cars and Parking

Our local PCSO has reported another instance of dangerous driving/parking in Church Street this week. I am also very sorry to have to tell you that the driver of the car was verbally abusive when spoken to.

We have asked many, many times that parents should *not* bring cars into Church Street, and reminded our school community of the need to be both considerate and courteous to others, when driving or parking.

It is hard to believe that anyone in our school community would prefer to cause nuisance to our neighbours, and risk the safety of children and other pedestrians, rather than parking safely away from school and making a five minute walk—but sadly, that does seem to be the case.

If you are part of this ongoing problem, we ask you once again—is your convenience *really* more important than the safety of a child? What kind of an example are you setting for your child?

If you are not part of the problem—because you walk your children to school, or park at the British Legion, or another safe place— thank you.



I know that many of you share my concern, and want to do something to help. If you see a car being driven or parked dangerously, or causing an obstruction, **please record the registration number and report it to the police. If you can, take a photo as evidence of the danger caused.** This will help to identify the worst offenders, and also demonstrate that many in our school community do care about safety and consideration for others. Thank you.