



DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar.

Please check regularly for new dates. You will receive further information about forthcoming events as appropriate.

Dates in **red** are events to which some, or all parents are invited, as appropriate. Community events are in **green**.

Thursday 19 November

KS2 Disco 3.30—5.00pm



Tuesday 1 December

Reception Christmas Assembly 9.30am

Village Advent Calendar begins.

Thursday 3 December

KS1 Nativity Performance 1.45pm



Friday 4 December

KS1 Nativity Performance 9.30am

Thursday 10 December

Key Stage 2 Carol Service
Barrowby Church
2.00pm and 6.30pm



Friday 11 December

Our Traditional Christmas Fair
5.00pm—7.00pm

Sunday 13 December

Barrowby Church Families Carols
10.30am



Monday 14 December

Christmas Potted Sports

Tuesday 15 December

School Christmas Service

Our 'Village Advent Calendar' Window is revealed.

Wednesday 16 December

Party and Panto Day
Christmas Dinner.



Thursday 17 December

School closes.

Tuesday 5 January

School-re-opens

Dear Parents/Carers

As always, all our pupils and staff continue to work extremely hard. At the moment, we are beginning to organise the many Christmas related activities which we are all looking forward to, from our annual Key Stage 2 Disco, to our Reception Christmas Assembly and Key Stage 1 Nativity, as well as our Traditional Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Fair. We do hope that you will be able to join us, at school, in celebrating this very special time of year. I hope you enjoy reading this week's news and finding out a bit more about school life.

Mr L Batey Headteacher

Events in School



Children in Need

Last week, our newly formed Fundraising Committee, organised their first event of the year, our non-uniform day in support of Children in Need. The Year 6 representatives, worked very hard, organised a colouring competition as well as a poster design competition and helped to collect the donations from our school community.

Thank you for supporting our 'Children in Need' Day—we raised a fabulous total of £327.06.

Prizes for the poster and colouring competitions will be awarded in Friday's assembly.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you also for your fantastic support for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year we raised the amazing sum of 436.16— this is the most we have ever raised for this cause!

Well done everyone!

Absence from School—Fixed Penalty advice letters.

This week, all parents will be receiving a letter via Parentmail PMX regarding term time absence from school, and the **possibility** of incurring a fixed penalty if you take your child out of school without authorisation. Please take note of the contents of this letter, which is being sent to everyone to reinforce the information regarding term time absence which has already been communicated to you, and to ensure that all parents are fully aware of the **possibility** of incurring a fine if they take their children out of school for reasons which cannot be authorised. Once these letters have been issued, it will be assumed that you have received them, unless you advise us otherwise. We are issuing the letters to all parents, to ensure that the government policy on term time absence, which we are obliged to apply, is administered fairly to all parents.

Please ensure that you contact school before making your arrangements if you are in any doubt about whether the absence can be authorised. In general, term time absence can only be authorised for medical reasons, where there is a bereavement, or where the circumstances are exceptional ('life time experience'), unfortunately this does not include annual holidays. Please be assured that we will continue to support you when exceptional circumstances arise.

Attendance in our school continues to be very high—thank you to everyone for their continued support.

School Security



Please could I remind parents not to admit anyone to the school, either by opening the door when you are at the reception desk, or by holding the door open when coming in and out of school. Although it may seem kind to do so, especially in winter weather, it makes it more difficult to monitor adults on the school premises. We try to open the door to all visitors with the minimum of delay, but inevitably there may sometimes be a short wait—we hope that you will understand that this is one of the measures that we have in place to safeguard our children in school.

Nuts

Nuts, including peanuts, are not permitted in school, as we have children who could have a severe allergic reaction. If your child has packed lunches, please check ingredients of items such as cereal bars, to make sure they don't contain nuts. Thank you for your support.



First Admission to Primary School—September 2016

The process for applying for places in Reception for September 2016 begins this month. You must apply through Lincolnshire County Council, who co-ordinate all applications. Full information can be found on their [website](#), or you can collect an information pack from school (available from 16 November).

All parents who have a child due to start school next September (date of birth 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2012) must apply—even if an older sibling is already at school.

The key dates for the application process are:

16 November 2015: Lincolnshire County Council online application system opens for parents

15 January 2016, 12 noon: closing date for parents to apply to Lincolnshire County Council. If you do not apply by this date, it may affect your offer of a place.

18 April 2016: parents can view their offered school place online.

Signposting

We are happy to signpost events and organisations which may be of interest to our school community. You can find information about activities for children [here](#), and support services for families [here](#).

New opportunities are added frequently, so please check regularly.

However, we cannot recommend or endorse any activity or organisation outside of school, and parents/carers must therefore satisfy themselves of their suitability.