

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 17th July

Year 6 Party 5pm-7pm



Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Water Fight



Wednesday 19th July

End of Term



Tuesday 5th September

Autumn term begins



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FoBS AGM Friday 13th October 2017
2.00 pm
All Welcome



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

14 July 2017

Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

Dear Parent/Carers

Last week, I wrote to you to explain that in February, we successfully recruited two teachers for September and that unfortunately, one of those newly appointed teachers had notified me that she would no longer be able to join us-leaving the school in a difficult position. This also meant that we were unable to inform all parents of their child's class, for September, when we issued the annual school reports, last week.

I would firstly like to thank all our parents for their understanding, patience and support regarding this. I am delighted to announce we have now finished our recruitment for a class teacher and can confirm that Miss Tabitha Swatton will join the teaching staff, from September. Therefore, teachers for the next academic year are:

Reception/Year 1	Mrs Banfield
Reception/Year 1	Mrs Selby
Year 1/2	Mrs Tinkley/Miss Fulcher
Year 1/2	Miss Sugden
Year 3	Mrs Webster
Year 3	Miss Swatton
Year 4	Miss Lees
Year 5	Mrs Wright/Mrs Silby
Year 6	Miss Welton

Tonight you should receive a letter informing you of your child's class teacher for those children in Reception/Year 1; Year 1 / 2 and Year 3.

Next week, you should receive my 'End of Year Letter' to parents which celebrates all that we have achieved this academic year as well as outline the school's developmental priorities for the next academic year. We have had a great year and we should all be very proud of what we have achieved, at Barrowby CE Primary School, as we all continue to 'strive for excellence.'

Have a lovely holiday; enjoy the sunshine and I look forward to working with you all, next year!

Len Batey-Headteacher

Events in School

Mass Participation Event



If I could walk a mile in your shoes...you wouldn't be walking, you'd be running! Inspire + challenged us to run further than we had before, in this year's mass participation event where schools across the town were all taking part. With the motto of 'personal best plus one' in our heads we set out, on Friday 7th July to try our best and run together with our peers. It was great fun and we managed to run an amazing 288 miles! Well done Barrowby!

Reception Transition Visits

Both Mrs Banfield and Mrs Selby have now completed their visits to all pre-school settings: meeting with our new Reception children as well as their key workers so that all children can benefit from a smooth start to our school.

We are all looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children, in September!

11+ Parental Consultation

On Monday 10th July, Mr Batey met with parents of Year 5 children to help them better understand the 11+ process and the implications for their child. This annual opportunity enables those parents who wish their child to sit the 11+ the opportunity to discuss any queries they may have regarding the process.



Basic Skills Quality Mark

On Monday 10th July, a Basic Skills assessor visited school to carry out an audit and decide our eligibility to be awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the third consecutive term. Basic skills are defined as:

'The ability to read, write and speak in English and use Mathematics at a level necessary to function and progress at work and in society in general.'

'Without good communication, literacy and mathematical skills, individuals are severely disadvantaged throughout their lives – as learners, in the workplace and as parents, consumers and citizens.'

The assessor, Elizabeth Neal, spent a morning in school visiting all classrooms, speaking to members of staff and Governors as well as pupils from each year group. She also spent some time looking through children's books and scrutinising their work before finally looking at key documentation and performance data.

By the end of the morning she was delighted to announce that we once again had been awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark and that we were 'Outstanding'. She commented on the fact that she had observed progress since the last audit and that the school had an atmosphere of 'tranquillity with a buzz for learning.' She also said that the school had built in capacity for improvement and that Mr Batey was 'inspirational'. Such an award reflects the hard work and commitment of staff, children and Governors and we are all delighted to have achieved this accreditation once again. Well done team! Thanks go to Miss Sugden for her hard work in this area.

Our Bishop's Visitor

It's been a busy week for our Bishops Visitor. Mrs Waghorn 'popped in' on Monday 10th July to meet with our Basic Skills assessor, supporting the renewal of this accreditation. On Tuesday 11th July, she led our daily act of Collective Worship. The theme was 'moving on.'

Afterwards, Mrs Waghorn commented on the children's exceptional behaviour, as they all enjoyed passing a balloon, around the hall, as they explored further the notion of 'moving on.'. Mrs Waghorn then joined us again, on Friday 14th July for this year's Leaver's production where she read the Bishop of Lincoln's letter, addressed to our Year 6 children and led us in quiet prayer and contemplation.



As always, thank you to Mrs Waghorn for her continued support of our school and the guidance that she offers. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the Bishop's letter.

Year 6 Sponsored Fun Run

On Wednesday 12th July, the weather was finally dry enough for our Year 6 annual sponsored 'Fun Run.' The children had great fun dressing up for this event and there were lots of colourful costumes. We were even joined by 'Ant and Dec!'



Please ensure all sponsored monies are returned to the school office by Monday 17th July.

This week, our Year 6 children have also sold 'ice-pops' kindly donated by FOBs. All funds raised from these events will go towards the Year 6 party and also the Year 6 Legacy Gift. Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school. Together, we can truly make a difference!



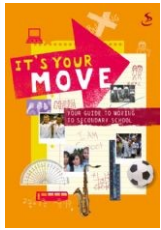
*There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things.
Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.*

1 Corinthians 12: 5-6

Dental Visit

On Wednesday 12th July, some of our reception children had a visit from a dentist. This was part of a national survey to gather data on children's teeth health.

The children all got to sit in the 'dentists chair' and had their teeth counted. They were all very well behaved and were presented with a sticker. Wow!



Year 6 Transition

On Wednesday 5th July, Mr Caunt came in to school to discuss 'transition to secondary school' with our Year 6 children. He gave each student a booklet entitled, 'It's your move!' with information, advice and activities for them to complete before starting their Secondary school, in September. The children had the opportunity to ask any questions, regarding transition before the session ended with a group prayer.

Following on, this week, on Wednesday 12th July, the Year 6 children met Delphine Norton, from Max Respect who came to talk to them about travelling to and from secondary school. Max Respect is an initiative to promote, encourage and reward well behaved journeys to and from school and the importance of safe travel. The children had the opportunity to ask questions, discuss the importance of travelling to and from secondary school safely as well as deepen their own understanding of how to keep themselves safe, next year.



Barrowby Pre-School Visits

Recently, we have had two visits, in school, from the children at Barrowby Pre-school, who are joining us in September.

The children have enjoyed familiarising themselves with the school and especially the adventure playground! Last week, they also got to see our key stage 1 'Cricket Tournament' while they were in school.

We are looking forward to welcoming them full time to our school in September.

Open Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday was a busy day! On Wednesday 12th July, from 3.45-4.45pm the teaching staff held their annual 'Open Consultation' for those parents who wished to discuss their child's annual report and/or SEND Support Plan. It was lovely to see some of you there and we hope that this opportunity enabled all those parents the opportunity to discuss any issues which may have arisen on receipt of their child's report.



Top - Up Swimming

This half-term a group of 22 children from across Years 3, 4 and 5 have been attending additional swimming lessons. The Government's target is that all children are able to swim 25 metres by the time they leave primary school and this is something we very much strive to achieve, as a school.

In just a few short weeks, we are delighted to report that 7 of the children can now confidently swim 25 metres unaided and one child has made so much progress, he can now swim 50 metres on both his front and back!

The other 14 children have made good progress and having begun this block of swimming very timid of the water are now enthusiastically and happily swimming and jumping into deep water. Hopefully, with summer holidays approaching the children will have lots more opportunities to swim with their families, to show off their new skills and become even closer to achieving their goals. Well done everyone!

Year 3 Recorder Tuition

Last week, Mrs Tinkley visited Year 3 to teach them about rhythm and pitch. The children created their own rhythms and tried them out on each other. They all had lots of fun. This will stand them in good stead next year, when they will all learn to play the recorder, as part of their Music curriculum.





Year 6 Leaver's Production

On Friday 14th July, our Year 6 children performed their Leaver's Production: 'Lights, Camera, Action!' to a packed audience. The performance gave every single Year 6 child the opportunity to 'shine' through drama, dance and song. The show was jam-packed full of moments! The children performed brilliantly; truly demonstrating our school's core values of Creativity, Respect and Independence.

After the performance, our special visitors: Mrs West and Mrs Barney presented the Year 6 children with their traditional Leaver's gift-a personalised dictionary and memories book; Mr R Nicholls thanked the school on behalf of the Governors and the Year 6 parents; and our Bishop's Visitor, Mrs Waghorn read the Bishop of Lincoln's letter addressed to our Year 6 children. Afterwards, Mr Batey read a letter from Alice Rossington; thanking her friends for their support through this difficult time, as well as wishing them luck for next year.

It was a truly magical moment. Well done Year 6, we would like to thank you for your hard work and enthusiasm and wish you every success next year! And of course, thank you to their parents who have continued to support Mr Batey, Miss Welton, Mrs Kay and our school, throughout this last year. Well done everyone!

*We want our pupils to leave our school as well educated,
self confident and caring members of society.*

Class Transition

On Friday 14th July, our children enjoyed their 'Class Transition,' where they got to meet their new class teacher for the next academic year. The children enjoyed the opportunity to go to their new classroom and to learn more about what they would be doing next year.

Staff Changes

Next term, we would like to welcome back Miss Fulcher who will be covering Mrs Watson as she leaves us, early in the Autumn term to enjoy her maternity leave. Good luck! We would also like to thank Mrs Woodward for her service and work as a classroom Teaching Assistant and as a Midday Dinner Supervisor as she leaves us, at the end of this academic year. Good luck in your new endeavours. And of course, we would like to welcome Miss India Lees and Miss Tabitha Swatton as they both join the school team, from September.



Table Tennis

Boys from Barrowby CE Primary School once again enjoyed Table Tennis success, at the weekend, when the annual 'Herbert Pacey Memorial Tournament' was held at the Meres Leisure Centre.

Edward Hobbs (Y4) won the '9 years and under' category whilst Jake Crane (Y6) was narrowly beaten into 2nd place in the '11 years and under' category. James Hobbs (Y5) also did very well, managing to achieve 4th place in the '11 years and under' category.

It is wonderful to hear news of achievements outside of school, furthering their interest in a sport which has originated from an extra curriculum club organised within our school. All the boys represented the school with pride, during the tournament. Well done!

Signposted Activities

We are always adding opportunities to our website for children to enjoy outside of school. This week we have added a Summer Activity Camp and Families Service at Barrowby Church to this section of our website.

Please click [HERE](#) to find out more information

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