

## DIARY DATES

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

Monday 5th June

School re-opens after half term

Tuesday 6th June

Reception Induction morning

Thursday 8th– Friday 9th June

Year 6 London Residential Visit



Tuesday 13th June

Reception Induction afternoon

Thursday 15th June

Kwik Cricket Tournament

Wednesday 21st June

Mini Olympics

Wednesday 21st June

Year 5 Class Assembly

Monday 26th June

Sports Day

## Sports Day

Tuesday 27th June

Reserve Sports Day or Key Stage 2 House Tournament

Wednesday 28th June

Key Stage 1 House Tournament

Thursday 29th June

Year 1/2 Class visit to Woodside Falconry Centre

Friday 30th June

Large Schools' Athletics



FoBS Meeting

Friday 9th June 1.45 pm

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[FoBS Minutes](#)



## Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

26 May 2017

*Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them.*

Luke 6:31

Dear Parent/Carers

As a school, we would like to celebrate all that we have achieved this week, as the children and staff continue to work incredibly hard in all that they do. I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter, as well as the sunshine-during our half-term break.

### Events in School

Len Batey Headteacher

#### Viking Visitor

On Monday 22nd May, our Year 5 pupils experienced an amazing visit from 'Hrothgar the Viking.' The children learnt a range of intriguing and historical facts about Viking life and enjoyed playing games, looking at weapons and re-enacting Viking stories.



The day began, as the children visited Hrothgar's camp. He first showed the children the different weapons the Vikings would have used to defend themselves and taught them a game called 'Naffle Taffle.'



After this, the children learnt more about Viking rituals, such as funerals and developed further their understanding of the Viking beliefs. The children then had the opportunity to 'act out' a traditional story about the Viking Goddess: Freya.

The children and staff, thoroughly enjoyed their 'Viking invasion.' A big thank you to Hrothgar!

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

#### White Post Farm

On Wednesday 24th May, the sun was shining, the children and adults were in high spirits and the coach was a DOUBLE DECKER! The Reception and Year One classes could not believe their luck, as they embarked on their 'adventure!'



Whilst visiting White Post Farm, children enjoyed feeding goats, llama's, cows and sheep. They even visited the 'incubator room' which was fascinating to see the chicks that had only hatched last week. They were adorable! The children were given lots of opportunities to get 'hands on.' They felt the 'warm milk' at the goat milking demonstration and were amazed and ever so brave, in the Reptile house when stroking a turtle, a gecko and even a snake!

Thank you to all our staff and parent helpers who helped us on the day. One child, as they were leaving school was heard to say to their friend, "...this was the best Wednesday they had ever had!"



It really was! White Post Farm staff commented what polite, well behaved children Barrowby Church of England Primary School has. What fantastic role models they all are!

Well done everyone!

## Respect for all

On Thursday 25th May, our whole school participated in the 1 minute silence, as a mark of respect for all those families affected by the awful incident at the Manchester Arena. At this very difficult time, we offer our thoughts and prayers for all the families, friends and colleagues of those who have been affected by the tragic events.

As a school, we believe that respect and tolerance are vital in any civilised society, and have long been a key part of being British citizens. At this very difficult time, it is of the greatest importance that our children continue to learn to understand and respect each other, and other members of our local and wider community.

*I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you.*  
*John 13:34-35*

## Year 3 Swimming—House Championship

On Thursday 25th May, our Year 3 children enjoyed their very first 'House Swimming Championship' which signalled the end of their swimming lessons, this term. The children were organised in to their respective Houses by Mrs Bird, Mrs Pacey, Mr Batey and the swimming teachers, as they got ready to compete in a range of exciting and fun filled events. These included: the Seahorse Race; the Motor Bike Race; the Shark Race; Dolphin Race and the Shopping Race.



This event was created by our Sport's Committee and Mrs Banfield and features as an 'intra-school competition' for each class, in Key Stage 2, as part of their swimming lessons. All children were able to take part and compete against each other. The roars and cheers for their team mates could be heard all round the Meres Leisure Centre. The children literally, 'swam their socks off.' The results are:



3rd Place	Scott
2nd Place	Chichester
1st Place	Armstrong



The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the results and resulting House Points were awarded to the Houses, during Collective Worship, later that day. Well done to all swimmers, you were great and a big thank you to the swim teachers for their ongoing work with our children.

## Whole School Assembly

Thursday was a very busy day in school and was enjoyed by all. During the afternoon, Mr Batey led our Collective Worship which focussed on, "...be proud of all that you do..." The children came together and explored further the importance of school life; of striving for excellence. The school was commended for the children's continued enthusiasm in all that they do, as seen through the children's effort and commitment to school.



The children sang with enthusiasm and many commendations were given to acknowledge the children's effort through the pursuit of academic excellence, the development of a sporting 'competitive edge' as well as an artistic flair. This week saw the introduction of a brand new commendation, our *Shining Stars Commendation* which can be awarded by any member of staff.



This award recognises the children's efforts in supporting our school's Core Values of Creativity, Respect and Independence.

*Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5: 16*

Towards the end of Collective Worship, Mrs Bird led the school in quiet reflection:



*Dear Lord,  
We thank you for our school and the people who help to make it a wonderful place.  
We thank you for the effort that we put in.  
We thank you for the things we share, we thank you.  
Our school is such a special place and we are proud.  
Help us to continue to strive for excellence, in all that we do.  
Now and forever.  
Amen.*

### Rounders Tournament

On Thursday 25th May, a squad consisting of 15 of our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls travelled to the King's Playing Field for the annual 'Rounders Tournament.' Having been practising at their club this term, the children arrived full of confidence and prepared for the games ahead.



Being split into two leagues, the children played six games in this stage, winning two and falling behind only slightly in the other games. This meant they went on to play for their final league position which ended with a commendable 10th place out of the 16 schools taking part.

The children reflected our core values brilliantly throughout the day, enjoying the sunshine as much as the rounders. All children displayed the Barrowby 'can do' attitude and were a real credit to our school. Thank you to all members of staff for taking the children as well as their parents for supporting our school team.

### Year 3 Class Assembly



On Friday 26th May, we all came together to celebrate the learning of our Year 3, in their class assembly.

The focus was 'On Safari!' and allowed the children to share some of the fascinating facts and information that they have learnt so far over this Summer term.

There were musicians drumming, actors performing, two whole class songs and each child had the opportunity to fulfil a vital role to contribute to the smooth running of the assembly. Well done to all of the children for a wonderful end to our term and to the parents and family members of our Year 3 children for their continued support.

### Weaving Club

Today, Mrs Webster's weekly weaving club made the most of the new treehouse and the nice weather, as the children were all concentrating hard on their weaving creations!



We look forward to seeing the 'tapestry's' later next term.



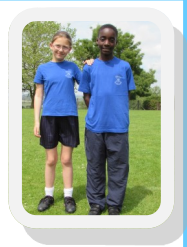
### Signposted Activities

This week we have added the Dysart Park Family Fun Day on Sunday July 2nd and also the All Stars Cricket Programme. For more information on these and other activities, please see our [website](#).

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## PE Kit

Just a reminder that all children should have their PE kit in school, every day. There are lots of sporting activities on at this time of year, involving the whole school, and we are finding that some children do not have their kit in school. Children should have in school:



- Royal blue Tee Shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Pair of plimsolls (or pair of suitable trainers preferably black for Key Stage 2 pupils)
- P.E. bag (drawstring)
- Navy Track suit or navy hooded top and plain navy tracksuit bottoms (Key Stage 2 pupils)

## Hot Weather

It looks like Summer is finally with us! Please can parents ensure that their children have adequate protection in the hot and sunny weather. All children should wear a cap, during the sunnier days. School caps, including Baseball and Legionnaire styles are available from School Trends by clicking [HERE](#). Our school Baseball and Legionnaire caps are currently available as part of our 'optional' uniform.

We feel that school uniform engenders in pupils a pride in their appearance and their school, as well as promoting an atmosphere of equality. To that end, the school has purchased a 'class set' of school Baseball caps and intends to provide them to children when they are representing the school e.g. sporting fixtures; school visits so that all children are the same; and no-one child is singled out.



Unfortunately, the variety of headwear which is currently being worn, by the children, during the sunnier weather is not promoting an atmosphere of equality e.g. wider brimmed hats, fashion styled Baseball caps. Moving forward, we ask that all caps worn to school are plain navy blue and are more in line with our school uniform expectations. We ask all our parents to support and co-operate with us in the matter of uniform to ensure fairness and equality for all.

During the sunnier days, we suggest that parents apply sun protection, before school, that lasts all day. There are lots of products on the market that give up to 10 hours of protection.

## Summer Fair Raffle Tickets

Your child will be coming home tonight with two books of raffle tickets for the Summer Fair raffle which is being run by FoBS. The tickets are priced at £1 and there are some fabulous prizes to be won including:

- a Fitbit Alto;
- a cookery demonstration at the Olive Branch in Clipsham;
- vouchers for various family days out and activities; plus
- lots of other fabulous prizes!

If you would like any more books, then please contact the school office.

If you have any spare tickets, please return these to the school office.

The raffle will be drawn during our Summer Fair, on Friday 23rd June which is on from 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm.



**Be a  
Winner  
and get your  
Raffle  
TICKETS**



*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*