

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 8th May

Open Library for Mrs Banfield and Mrs Selby's Classes

Monday 8th—Friday 12th May

Key Stage 2 SATS



Friday 12th May

Year 6 BBQ

Wednesday 17th May

Year 3 to visit a Hindu Temple

Thursday 18th May

Year 6 to Church Schools' Festival

Monday 22nd May

Year 5 Viking Visitor

Wednesday 24th May

Rec/Year 1 visit to White Post Farm



Thursday 25th May

Large Schools' Rounders

Friday 26th May

Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 26th May

Non-uniform day for FoBS



FoBS Meeting

Friday 19th May at 1.45 pm in school. All Welcome



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

5 May 2017

Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these

Luke 12:27

Dear Parent/Carers

This week has been another very busy week, after our Bank Holiday break. We've had everything from Inspirational Assemblies to 'Marathon' challenges which everyone has risen to. This week, I am particularly impressed with our pupils 'can do' attitude, as seen from their participation in a wide range of school based activities. The coming weeks promise to be filled with excitement and fun. I hope you enjoy finding out more about school life, this week. Happy reading!

Len Batey Headteacher

Events in School

Inspire + Legacy Tour Assembly

On Tuesday 2nd May, we hosted this year's Inspire+ Legacy Tour. Our Sport's Committee delivered the assembly which focussed on developing further healthy and active lifestyles. Throughout the assembly, the children explored how exercise and different foods can contribute towards keeping them healthy.



The assembly culminated with visitors from Little Gonerby Church Of England Academy reading out the Legacy Tour Declaration. Well done to all our pupils who, gave their time freely to practice with Mrs Banfield and those visiting pupils who contributed towards and led this inspirational assembly! What a way to start our week.

We respect our children's individuality, encourage creativity and support every child to make the most of their abilities.

Ben Smith 401 Challenge

As part of the Legacy Challenge, on Tuesday afternoon the whole school took part in a 'mass running event.' The children had been challenged, by Ben Smith, who last year, visited our school, as part of his 401 Marathon Challenge. Our challenge was to see how many miles we could run as a school. The game was on.



All members of our school community rose to the challenge, children and adult alike, on Tuesday. Our Year 6 children had previously calculated that the 'runners' needed to travel 12.25 laps of our playing field-to equal 1 mile. Throughout the day the children and adults ran, walked or travelled around our field, a combined 6,231 times; which is equivalent to 516 miles or approximately 20 marathons! What an amazing achievement by all members of our school.

It was a wonderful day and truly reflected our school-so many children and adults cheering and encouraging each other 'to do their best,' at the challenge. Even Mr Batey got involved and 'ran' or walked 36 times around the field-approximately 3 miles. Well done to all those who took part, you are all shining stars!

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

Young Ambassadors



Following our successful Legacy Tour Day, on Wednesday 3rd May, Mrs Banfield and our Young Bronze Ambassadors passed the 'baton' onto Allington and Sedgebrook C of E Primary School.

The children took part in Allington and Sedgebrook's whole school assembly and beautifully read the Legacy Tour Declaration, ensuring that they considered and respected the Olympic and Paralympic values of: respect, courage, excellence, determination, friendship, inspiration and equality; as we did on our day. They also shared the impressive result from our Ben Smith 401 Marathon challenge. Well done Ambassadors!

Lincolnshire Life Museum

Also, on Wednesday 3rd May, Year 4 came to school looking a 'little different,' as they were 'evacuated,' as part of their WWII Topic.

The children visited the Museum of Lincolnshire Life where Mr Enderby greeted them and talked to the children about aspects of life, during the war.

Later in the day, they visited an 'old school room' to learn more about evacuees and the reasons for this. Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to visit 'war time shops' to discover more about rationing. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, learning more about this important period of History. Thank you for 'shining brightly.' Well done everyone!



Movie Night



On Wednesday evening, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children enjoyed our very first 'Movie Night'. They were all very excited at the prospect of watching 'Trolls' with their friends while enjoying a drink and biscuit as well as a choice of either pop corn or crisps.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, one pupil commented, "...this is the best day of my life..."

Thank you to FoBS and members of the school staff for organising and supervising this event which raised a total of £185! Wow!

Cabbage Patch Garden

Over the last couple of weeks, volunteers from our Year 6 class have been working with Mr Batey-preparing the soil in the newly formed, 'Cabbage Patch Garden,' in readiness for planting. They've thoroughly enjoyed turning the soil, adding compost and planting a new apple tree, which will be trained to grow up against the new staffroom wall.

Thanks to their efforts, the garden is now ready for planting. This week, we received a small selection of seeds from Archie Stanley, one of our past pupils, who wrote:

"Enjoy your veg garden. Watch it grow and eat the seeds you sow."

Next week, the children will begin to sow their crops. Thank you Archie.



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



The Dogs Trust

On Thursday 4th May, Sarah Saunders an educational officer from Dog's Trust 24, visited our Year 4 class, delivering a 'free' national curriculum linked workshop to promote the importance of being responsible dog owners, therefore building a better future for dogs and our communities. The children all enjoyed learning how dogs used their noses, ears and eyes to help save lots of lives in world war II.

After the workshop, Sarah delivered a whole school assembly, where everyone learnt about how to keep safe around dogs. In a recent survey, 98% of parents were unaware that there are over 20 signs that a dog may be feeling uneasy or aggressive. P

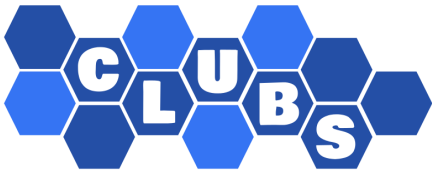


All of the children will be coming home tonight with a leaflet explaining further about how to 'Be Dog Smart.' Please spend some time discussing this with your child.

Clubs

The extra-curricular clubs start next week except for Summer Club, Story Club, Circuits and Scavenger Club which start after half term.

You will have received an email, yesterday, if your child has been allocated a place on an after school club. I am pleased to say that we were able to accommodate all requests for clubs, with the exception of the Athletics Club, which starts tonight. This was very popular and we were not able to offer to everyone who requested it. If your child did not get a place they will be added to the waiting list and if a place becomes available you will be notified.



This term we are offering an amazing 41 extra-curricular opportunities. You can find the full details on our website by clicking [HERE](#)

We promote equality opportunity for all, irrespective of gender, race, creed, ability or disability.

SATS

Next week, is our Year 6 SATS week. Please can parents ensure that their children arrive promptly at school, as late arrivals would cause the tests to be delayed.



It has been proven that children perform best when they have had a breakfast. If your child does not usually eat breakfast then we would encourage them to have something before they come to school. Nothing worse than a 'grumbling tummy!'

To celebrate the end of SATS week, the children are being treated to a BBQ on Friday afternoon, which is being provided by FoBS. Thank you for their continued support.

We know that all of our children will do their very best and we hope that they have a nice and relaxing weekend before the tests, next week.

'Try your best...and shine like stars...'

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Requests for Absence-A Parental Update

Following the Supreme Court's Decision, on 6th April 2017, with regards to regular school attendance and the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN), I would like to update you on the latest guidance that we have received.

When the case was first decided upon, in the magistrates court in May 2016, schools were advised to only issue FPNs on unauthorised attendance for reasons other than just a period of family holiday. With the Supreme Court's ruling, County Council can now reverse this advice and schools can issue a FPN for any 4.5 day (or more) period of unauthorised absence in any continuous 6 week period.

The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006 have been amended and came into force from 1st September 2013. The amendments remove references to 'holiday' from school and extended leave of absence as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. (i.e the previous arrangement whereby schools could grant up to 10 days authorised holiday/absence).

As a result, a request for leave of absence will not be granted for the purpose of a holiday unless deemed to be exceptional circumstances.

If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child(ren) from School, then you must complete a ['Request for Absence'](#) form for the Head Teacher, at least four weeks in advance of the request for absence. You should only then remove your child(ren) if the absence has been authorised, and notified to you in writing by the School. Any exceptional circumstances must be clearly set out in the written request to the Head Teacher who will consider each case upon its merits.

If you then choose to take your child out of school during term time and it is not deemed to be exceptional circumstances and/or has not been approved by the School, then this will be coded as an unauthorised absence and a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued for the period of absence. Failure to pay the Fixed Penalty may result in further legal action being taken against you.

A Fixed Penalty Notice is a strategy used by County Council to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children at a school under the following legislation:

*Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 444 of the Education Act
In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty of either £60.00 or £120.00.*

Please note: A Fixed Penalty Notice can also be issued if your child is seen in a public place within the first 5 days of an exclusion from their school.



Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 makes it a duty for parents in relation to pupils subject to a fixed period or permanent exclusion to ensure that their child is not present in a public place during school hours, without reasonable justification, during the first five days of any such exclusion. If a child is present in a public place during the first five days of an exclusion during school hours the parent may be guilty of an offence for which they can be prosecuted by the LA before a magistrates' court or issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for £60.00 or £120.00.

If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the school office. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

An update from Lincolnshire County Council-adapted for Barrowby CE Primary School