

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 28th March

Year 4 Church Schools' Festival

Friday 31st March

End of the Spring Term

Tuesday 18th April

School re-opens for the Summer Term



Friday 21st April

Reception height, weight and hearing checks

Monday 1st May

May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May

Year 4 visit to Museum of Lincolnshire Life



Monday 8th—Friday 12th May

Key Stage 2 SATS



Wednesday 17th May

Year 3 to visit a Hindu Temple



FOBS Meeting

Friday 21st April
at 2.00 pm in Old School Room



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

24 March 2017

Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Matthew 28: 5-6

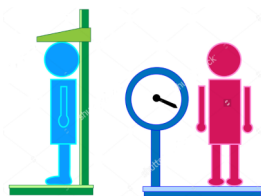
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow, what a wonderful week we have all enjoyed at Barrowby CE Primary School. It's been 'jam-packed' with a range of activities that I hope you enjoy reading about in this week's newsletter. I continue to be particularly proud of our school, its pupils and our staff who work incredibly hard in all areas: striving for academic excellence, developing and nurturing artistic flair as well as promoting healthy and active lifestyles through a range of sporting and physical activity—wow, what an achievement. It's not easy trying to balance all the requirements and demands on our time—but, as you can see from this week's newsletter, we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. Happy reading!

Len Batey Headteacher

Events in School

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)



On Monday 20th March, the 'School Nurse Team' visited our school to complete the annual 'heights and weights' for our Year 6 children.

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) measures the height and weight of children in reception class (aged 4 to 5 years) and year 6 (aged 10 to 11 years) to assess overweight and obesity levels in children within primary schools. This data can be used at a national level to support local public health initiatives and inform the local planning and delivery of services for children. The NCMP was set up in line with the Government's strategy to tackle obesity and to:

- inform local planning and delivery of services for children
- gather population-level data to allow analysis of trends in growth patterns and obesity
- increase public and professional understanding of weight issues in children and be a vehicle for engaging with children and families about healthy lifestyles and weight issues.

Children's heights and weights are measured and used to calculate a Body Mass Index (BMI) centile. Our Reception children are having their height and weight measured, along with a hearing test, on Friday 21st April.

As a school, we continue to promote healthy and active lifestyles through a range of curricular and extra-curricular activities, such as PE, extensive Pupil and Adult Led Playtime activities using the bikes and trikes, scooters and our Adventure Playground—encouraging all our children to 'get active!'



Healthy School

Staff Update



We are welcoming Mrs Silby back, from her maternity leave, after the Easter break. She will be teaching Year 5, along with Mrs Wright. We will be saying goodbye to Miss Fulcher at the end of this term and would like to thank her for her hard work, during her time here with us, at Barrowby CE Primary School.

Mrs Goodband will work in Y1/2 with Mrs Tinkley and Mrs Watson will provide further support across Key Stage 2.

World Emotion Concert at St Wulfram's Church

On Tuesday 21st March, our school orchestra travelled to St Wulfram's Church to watch the Manchester Camerata perform, as part of the Obus Mobius Concert. The concert was organised by a group of older students from the Guildhall, known as the Guildhall Producers. The afternoon performance was extremely well attended and showcased the musical talents of professional musicians. They performed a range of music from around the world, including: Sam Smith's 'Writing on the wall', a range of classical pieces such as 'Flight of the Bumblebee' and contemporary pieces like Snow Patrol's 'Chasing Cars.' It was a truly wonderful experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



The concert was a great way for our school's instrumentalists to experience, at first hand, a professional orchestral ensemble. Indeed, our younger players were able to identify the musicians that play their instrument as well as learn a little bit more about musicianship e.g. watching the conductor so they can play together.



At Barrowby CE Primary School, we continue to 'strive for excellence' in all that we do-providing our school orchestra with opportunities such as this, will hopefully strengthen their commitment to music so they continue to play music, with others for many years to come. Our school orchestra is hosted at school, on Thursday evenings: 3.15pm-4.00pm. It would be lovely to see some 'new faces' next term, join in and enjoy playing music together. We hope to start practising a range of contemporary music-including the Dr. Who theme tune, in readiness for the Summer Fair. If your child/ren is interested in joining orchestra, please watch out for the Extra-curricular Club sheet, early in the Summer term.

*Sing and make music from your heart
to the Lord Ephesians 5:19*

National Sing Up Day

On Wednesday 22nd March, our school celebrated national Sing Up! Day, in style, with a wonderful performance of 'Resurrection Rock' by our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils. At Barrowby CE Primary School, we 'love to sing.' We have 4 Choirs: Key Stage 1; Year 3 & 4 Choir; Year 5 and 6 Choir and our Key Stage 2 Choir. All our school Choirs enjoy various opportunities across the academic year and all provide our pupils with the very best singing opportunities. This term, both our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Choirs won their respective categories (4 consecutive and 6 consecutive years) at the Colsterworth Performing Arts Festival.

As a Platinum Sing Up! School singing is a central to our school life. The children enjoy singing in lessons, as part of Collective Worship, while at play with their friends on the playground and when performing to audiences of family and friends. Over the years, many audiences have commented on the quality of our children's singing and this is something we are incredibly proud of.

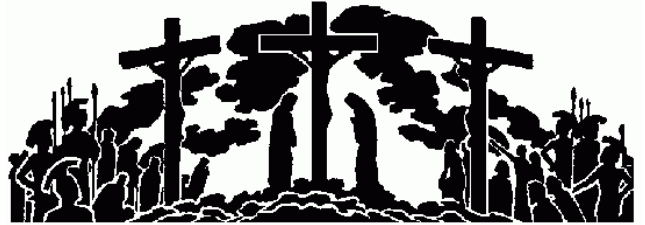
Throughout the term, the children have developed further their 'love of singing' through a range of activities, leading up to their performances. This has included learning the words for the songs, developing further unison singing-with an emphasis on vocal tone and diction and, in some cases, has helped to develop singing confidence further through solo or part singing.

The children have been working incredibly hard learning a host of new songs for their performances, this week and are very much looking forward to sharing them with you.



Resurrection Rock

On Thursday 23rd March, our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils 'rocked' as they retold the Easter story through biblical readings, drama, song and dance, as part of this term's performance of 'Resurrection Rock.' The children performed brilliantly to packed audiences, at both performances, at 2.00pm and 6pm.



Our Bishop's Visitor, Church Minister and Foundation Governor, Mrs Kate Waghorn, wrote:

"A big thank you to the children for this evening's performance of 'Resurrection Rock'. They put so much passion and enthusiasm into every part of it, and it was so impressive to see younger year groups step up and take leading roles, and especially to hear how much of the planning they had undertaken themselves. As ever, I was very proud of our school!"

Easter is very much harder than Christmas to address effectively with children, but it's also so important that church schools take on that challenge - so thanks to Mr Batey, and the staff, for meeting it so well."

Mrs Atter, another of our School Governors and parent also commented:

"I just wanted to pass on my congratulations to the children for a wonderful evening. It was so fantastic seeing how confident they all are, showcasing their talents to large audiences."

A huge thank you also to Mr Batey and the staff for giving up their time to allow the children to shine as they did last night. It really was superb!"

A huge well done to all children involved and a special thanks to all staff members who gave their time freely, to support the children, during the evening performance. Thanks also to friends and family for coming and sharing in this performance and to FOBs for organising raffles and providing refreshments for the afternoon performance.



St Patrick's Day

On Friday 17th March, one of our year 6 children, as part of her Irish Dancing Troop, performed at Belton Woods Golf Club for the 'St Patrick's Day Breakfast' celebrations, where over 150 golfers gave them a standing ovation!

The troop then travelled to Nottingham, where the rain didn't dampen the mood of the parade through the town. They were cheered onto stage to open the show where they danced their 'hearts out' in slippery conditions. The Lord of the Dance finale brought the crowds alive and was a fantastic start to the St Patrick's Day celebrations. Well done to all involved.

If your child is interested in learning Irish Dancing then please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Parental Consultation-SEND Reviews

It was lovely to see so many of you, over the last couple of weeks, for our Parent/teacher Consultations.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone Mrs Webster's Parental Consultation evening. We will notify parents as soon as possible the new scheduled date for this, after Easter.

If you have not yet seen your child's class teacher, then please contact the school office, to arrange a mutually convenient time to see them. If your child has SEND, then you will be contacted shortly, to arrange a review meeting with your child's class teacher.



Start of the day times and routines

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we strive to ensure that all our children are well supported and enjoy school life. We are well supported by our parents and school community who continue to support all that we do and are eager for their children to come to school.



Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen a noticeable increase in the amount of children waiting at the school gates, for school 'to open.' We would like to remind parents/carers that pupils are their responsibility until the children arrive on the playground and would ask that the children wait quietly under adult supervision.

Please refrain from arriving at school before the gates open, at 8.45am. The children do not need to be in school until 8.55am. The start of the day is an important part of our school day and the unnecessary congestion and 'amount of people' congregating at the school gate, before school opens is causing a concern-children entering school unsettled, blocking paths and the road accessing the school car park.

Below is a reminder for parents of our daily routines in school:

- **8.45am.** Gates open to children. **Please do not arrive at school before this time.** As a Healthy School, we encourage children to walk or cycle (children need a Cycle Permit to cycle to school - please ask at the school office). If you come by car, please park in the British Legion Car Park, on Low Road. Please do not bring cars into Church Street, or park in such a way as to cause an obstruction, or danger to pedestrians or other road users. Parents'/ Carers' cars are not permitted on school premises, unless there are exceptional circumstances (please ask at the school office for more information).
- **8.55am.** **The school day begins for all children.** Children should be in the playground by this time, ready to line up and come into school with their class. If you are delayed, and the side gate is closed when you arrive, please accompany your child through the car park to the main entrance.
- **10.10am** Collective Worship, for all children.
- **10.30-10.45am** Morning Play for all children.
- **12.00—1.15pm** Key Stage 1 lunchtime
- **12.05 -1.15pm** Key Stage 2 lunchtime.

Children have either a hot school meal, or packed lunch. Parents may take children home for lunch if they wish.
- **2.20-2.30pm** Afternoon play for Key Stage 1 children.
- **3.15pm** School ends for all children. Key Stage 1 children are brought to the school gate by staff. If you need to change your collection arrangements, or know that you will be unavoidably delayed, please contact the office as soon as you can.



Red Nose Day

As you know we have already raised £280 for Comic Relief from the sale of Red Noses. Today in school, we have had a non-uniform day which has raised an additional £250.75 giving a grand total of **£530.75** raised by Barrowby CE Primary for this worthwhile charity.



Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Easter Competitions

Don't forget about our Easter competitions!

Reception Children can colour, paint or use different materials on one of the Easter Egg sheets available from school, at 20p per sheet. These will be available in school from Monday 13th March.

Year 1 and 2 children can decorate an Easter egg. This can be either a polystyrene or a blown egg. £1 per entry.

Key Stage 2 children can design a 'Spring Garden' by drawing, painting or making a collage on A4 paper. £1 per entry. All entries will be displayed in school, with fabulous prizes available. Thanks, as always to our FOBs team for organising this for our children. All funds raised will support the development of our Pond and Wildlife area.



Extra-curricular Clubs

All of the Spring extra-curricular clubs have now finished. The children have enjoyed a lovely variety of clubs this term from Sign Language to Rugby!

Keep your 'eyes peeled' on ParentmailPMX for the Summer extra-curricular clubs.

Sickness Bugs

If your child is taken ill with sickness or diarrhoea, then please keep them at home until they have had 48 hours clear of symptoms. This helps to prevent the spread of the bugs through the school.



Signposted Activities

We are always adding opportunities to our website for children to enjoy outside of school.

Please click [HERE](#) to information.

find out more



**He was raised
on the third day
in accordance
with the Scriptures**

1 Corinthians 15.4

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