

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 7th March

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening

Monday 13th March

Year 5 Open Library

Tuesday 14th March

M & M Productions—The Wizard of Oz



Wednesday 15th March

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening



Friday 17th March

Year 1/2 Class Assembly at 9.15 am

Monday 20th March

Year 6 Open Library

Wednesday 22nd March

Sing Up! Day

Thursday 23rd March

Years 3, 4 & 5 performances of 'Resurrection Rock'



Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day

Friday 31st March

End of the Spring Term



FOBS Meeting

Friday 21st April
at 2.00 pm in Old School Room



Barrowby Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

3 March 2017

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth! Psalm 66:1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow, what another very busy time, at our school. I can't quite believe how well our children are doing-1st in the Large School's Swimming Gala (for the 3rd consecutive year) and six 1st places and Best Overall School Performances (4th consecutive year), at the Colsterworth Performing Arts Festival! Well done and thank you to all pupils, staff and parents for their continued enthusiasm and support, without whom this would not be possible. I hope you enjoy finding out more about school life, since the February half-term holiday. Happy reading.

Len Batey Headteacher

Events in School

Success at Colsterworth Festival of Performing Arts

On Friday 24th February, Barrowby CE Primary School competed in the annual 'Colsterworth Performing Arts Festival', at the Meres Leisure Centre. This year, we took 121 children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Our school competed in a range of classes, including: Key Stage 1 Vocal Ensemble; Key Stage 2 Vocal Ensemble; Y3 & 4 Choral Speaking; Y5 & 6 Choral Speaking; Y5 & 6 Recorders; Y5 & 6 Educational Dance and the Instrumental Ensemble (without vocals).

Our children were a real credit to our school and performed brilliantly. We are delighted to announce:

- Key Stage 1 Choir - 1st Place (4th consecutive year)
- Key Stage 2 Choir - 1st Place (6th consecutive year)
- Y3 & 4 Choral Speaking - 1st Place (new category)
- Y5 & 6 Choral Speaking - 1st Place (3rd consecutive year)
- Y5 & 6 Recorders - 1st Place (1st year-came 2nd last year)
- Y5 & 6 Educational Dance - 1st Place (new category)
- Instrumental Ensemble (without vocals) - 2nd Place

We would like to congratulate all children who participated in this event, who performed with real enthusiasm, dedication and skill and thank all our parents for their continued support. It was lovely to see so many parents who gave their time freely to support their child/ren, cheering and applauding their efforts. Thank you.

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we take a real pride in all that we do-supporting each and every child to achieve their full potential. At a time when many schools are facing external pressures and the 'arts' are suffering as a result of this, we are thrilled that our school continues to be recognised for its high quality arts provision, as seen through the 'stunning' performances, of our pupils, at the festival.

At the end of the Festival, our school was commended for its performances, by the judicator and awarded the 'Growler Shield' for the best overall school performances. This is the 4th consecutive year, our school has been awarded this honour and truly reflects the schools ambition for all its pupils.

To learn more about the Arts, at our school please [CLICK HERE](#).

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

Easter

We are fast approaching Easter and are busy in school preparing for this. We have lots of exciting events happening in school for this important time in the Christian calendar.

On Tuesday 14th March, we have M & M Productions coming into school to perform to the whole school, 'The Wizard of Oz'. A beautiful adaptation of the classic L. Frank Baum story takes you on an exciting adventure with Dorothy and her friends down the yellow brick road, through corn fields and munchkin lands as she finds the three best friends anyone could ever ask for. Together they gather the strength to defeat the wicked witch of the west who has overpowered a once beautiful land with her wickedness.



On Thursday 23rd March, our children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be performing, 'Resurrection Rock.' The children have been busy rehearsing in school for this. Both performances to parents are on Thursday 23rd March-at 2.00 pm and at 6.00 pm that evening. Please keep a look out on ParentmailPMX for ticket information. FoBs are appealing for raffle prizes for this event especially chocolates, biscuits or bottles. All donations can be sent to the school office.

This Easter, FoBS are also running a range of exciting 'Easter themed' competitions:

- Reception Children can colour, paint or use different materials on one of the Easter Egg sheets available from school at 20p per sheet.
- Year 1 and 2 children can decorate an Easter egg. This can be a polystyrene or a blown egg. £1 per entry.
- Key Stage 2 they can design a Spring Garden by drawing, painting or making a collage on A4 paper. £1 per entry.
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There are prizes to be won in all categories and no limit to the number of entries! So let your imagination run wild and get entering! More information to follow.

Internet Issues

We apologise if you have emailed the school and not received a timely response, but this is because we have had problems with the internet connection since returning from the February half-term holiday, resulting in no internet connection. This means that ParentmailPMX and e-mail were unavailable.

As you can imagine, this has been very frustrating for us, and has meant that our communication with parents has been challenging, resulting in us sending home 'paper copies' of letters for the first time; since our move to Parentmail.

We thank our parents for their understanding. Thankfully, things appear to have returned to normal now and we seem, once again to be connected.

Signposted Activities

We are always adding opportunities to our website for children to enjoy outside of school. Please click [HERE](#) to check these out.



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

High 5 Netball

The High 5 netball team had their first outing as part of League 4, on Thursday 2nd March.

They played two matches: the first against St. Sebastian Primary school which they drew 3:3. The second match against Great Ponton Primary School which they won 5:2. Fantastic work everyone!

Well done team, we look forward to supporting you in your next matches, in two weeks time.



NSPCC Parental Workshops

On Wednesday 22nd February, we hosted an e-safety Parental Workshop, 'How to keep your child safe online-while working at home' which was delivered by Sara Parker of the NSPCC, in association with O2. The Workshop supported parents to identify 'online' concerns they faced at home and offered advice and solutions for supporting parents, when dealing with their child/ren(s) 'online life.'

Please visit the [E-Safety Guidance](#) section of our school's website to find further resources to support parents at home, with this on-going issue.



Swimarathon

If you or your child participated in the Swimarathon please can you ensure that your sponsor money is sent into school as soon as possible.

A Big Thankyou

Thanks to your amazing efforts with the Christmas card campaign, Inspire + managed to recycle over 600 KG in total. That's the equivalent to around ten trees! Barrowby school contributed 10 KG towards the campaign so well done!

Your Christmas cards have now been recycled and have gone back into the energy grid. The campaign helped raise £200 for Inspire +. Flame UK have matched that figure to give a grand total of £400 raised. A big thank you to all that took part and let's see if we can do even better next year.

Red Noses

We will be selling red noses, in school from next week for Red Nose Day on Friday 25th March. They are £1 each and there are 10 different noses to collect including an ultra rare silver one.

Children will also be able to pay £1 each to come into school in 'non-uniform' on Friday 25th March with all proceeds raised from this going to the Comic Relief charity. There will also be lots of other fundraising activities in school that day which we will let you know about nearer the time.



Dr. Nose



Nose-it-all



Snuffles



Sniffer



DJ Boogie



Norse Nose



Snootankhamun



Snoezecake



The Snorcero



Frankinose

Please help us to support this very worthwhile charity by buying your red noses from us



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Don't forget to book your parent/teacher consultation appointment through ParentmailPMX.

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