

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 24 January

Y5 & 6 NSPCC Workshops

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Parents' Curriculum Workshop
3.30-5.15pm

Thursday 26 January

Large Schools' Swimming Gala

Monday 30 January

Year 3 Open Library 3.30 - 4.00pm



Wednesday 8 February

Polymer Artist working with Year 3

Friday 10 February

Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly

Friday 10 February

School closes for half term



Monday 20 February

School re-opens

Wednesday 22nd February

NSPCC Parents' Workshop
2.00 pm School Hall

Friday 24th February

Colsterworth Festival of Performing
Arts – Grantham Meres



FOBS Meeting

Friday 3rd March 2017 at 2.00 pm in
Old School Room
All Welcome



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

20 January 2017

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week continues to be a very busy week at Barrowby CE primary School. As a school we continually look to enhance our provision for the benefit of all our pupils. Our extra-curricular clubs are now up and running, as well as a range of opportunities for children to immerse themselves within their topic, as can be seen from the Police visit for Y5 pupils, last week and our very own 'Cowboy Day!' for our Year 1 and 2 classes, this week. Yee-hah! I do hope you enjoy learning a little bit more about life at our school. Happy reading!

Len Batey Headteacher

Events in School

British Values

An important part of British values is the understanding that any society or community can only work well, and protect all its members, if there are rules which everyone is expected to follow. As a school, children are taught that it is important to have rules, to ensure fairness and safety for everyone e.g. class rules which are discussed and agreed as well as school rules.



Our children are taught to respect authority, and are given the opportunity to learn about the roles of authority figures within our society, through visits and assemblies. Last week, on Thursday 12th January, PC Smith visited our Year 5 children and talked about his job and role as a Police Officer.

He showed the children some of the equipment he carries and explained how he might use these. All children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were captivated by PC Smith. To learn more about British Values please [CLICK HERE](#).

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NSPCC Assembly

On Tuesday 17th January, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children, as well as our Key Stage 2 children, enjoyed assemblies from the NSPCC-accompanied by Buddy (the NSPCC mascot). The children explored how they might keep themselves safe through the Speak out. Stay safe. programme.

Through the assemblies, our children were given information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. The children discussed the idea of 'trusted adults' and who they might 'talk to' if they had any worries.

Next week, on Tuesday 24th January, our Year 5 and 6 children will have the opportunity to participate in follow-up workshops, reinforcing the Speak out. Stay safe. message from this weeks assembly.





Bisi Badminton

On Wednesday 18th January, a group of children from Key Stage 2 participated in the 'Bisi Badminton Tournament,' at KGS. The children enjoyed lots of fun games and showed huge enthusiasm throughout! Well done to everyone who took part.

Year 1 and 2 Cowboy Day

On Thursday 19th January, Miss Sugden and Mrs Tinkley's classes enjoyed their 'Cowboy Day.' The children all arrived in school looking amazing, as either cowboys or native Americans.

They created 'Wanted Posters' by tea staining paper and taking photographs, in a western style and enjoyed a 'thigh slappingly' good time-line dancing. The day ended with the children cooking 'cowboy fodder,' down at the ranch *aka* Mrs Tinkley's classroom. This was a real kick start to this term's 'Wagons Roll' topic and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Yeeh-hah!



Change 4 Life

Tonight, children in Year 1-6 will be coming home from school today with a 'How food smart are you?' pack from Change 4 Life. This is a government initiative to help children understand the importance of healthy eating and the importance of being active. If you wish to find out any more information about this please click [HERE](#).

Signposting Activities

Junior Golf Sessions

Is your child interested in playing golf? They could enjoy free junior golf sessions. The first of these sessions is during half term, on Wednesday 15th February. If your child is interested in this please click [HERE](#) for more information.



500 Words Story Writing Competition

Lots of children in school have amazing imaginations and a real talent for story telling. We would like to encourage them to enter the 500 Words Competition which is run annually by Radio 2. They could win a pile of books as tall as Chris Evans- that's 1.88 metres! - and 500 books for our school library.

Seven years ago, Chris Evans had a dream: to get children excited about reading and writing. All children, no matter what their ability. **500 Words** is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for kids in the world. Nearly half a million pupils have written a story for them; that's over 277 MILLION words!

It's very simple. Entrants write an original story, on any subject or theme, in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

If your child would like to enter this competition or you would like more information about this very exciting opportunity, please click [HERE](#).

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

Parent Curriculum Workshops

As you may be aware, next week, we are hosting our annual Curriculum Workshops, for our parents. This was introduced three years ago and serves as an opportunity for parents/carers to learn more about different aspects of school. This year we are hosting:

Curriculum Workshops for Parents 24th January 2017			
3.30 - 3.50 pm	3.55 – 4.15 pm	4.20 – 4.40 pm	4.45– 5.05 pm
Key Stage 2 Maths: 'Explaining the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mr Farley-Year 3 Classroom	Key Stage 1 Spelling: 'Developing spelling skills' Years 1 & 2 Miss Fulcher Miss Fulcher's Classroom	Key Stage 2 Maths: 'Explaining the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mr Farley-Year 3 Classroom	End of Key Stage 2 Expectations Years 5 & 6 Miss Welton-Year 6 Classroom
End of Year 2 Expectations Years 1 & 2 Miss Sugden-Miss Sugden's Classroom	Key Stage 1 Maths: 'Explaining the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division' Years 1 & 2 Mrs Goodband-Mrs Banfield's Classroom	Key Stage 2 Spelling: 'Developing accuracy of spelling' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Webster-Year 4 Classroom	Key Stage 1 Maths: 'Explaining the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division' Years 1 & 2 Mrs Goodband-Mrs Banfield's Classroom
End of Key Stage 2 Expectations Years 5 & 6 Miss Welton-Year 6 Classroom	Key Stage 2 Reading: 'Should my child read at home?' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Wright-Year 5 Classroom	End of Year 2 Expectations Years 1 & 2 Miss Sugden-Miss Sugden's Classroom	Key Stage 1 Spelling: 'Developing spelling skills' Years 1 & 2 Miss Fulcher Miss Fulcher's Classroom
Letters and Sounds Year 1 Mrs Selby-Mrs Selby's Classroom	Key Stage 2 Spelling: 'Developing accuracy of spelling' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Webster-Year 4 Classroom	Letters and Sounds Year 1 Mrs Selby-Mrs Selby's Classroom	Key Stage 2 Reading: 'Should my child read at home?' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Wright-Year 5 Classroom

As a school we work hard to try and support our parents so that they can support their child/ren at home and have a good understanding of what their child needs to do in order to be successful at school. Each year we host these workshops and parent uptake is small, this year we hope to encourage more of you to attend.



The curriculum has changed. What is expected from your child has greatly increased and 'now we need your help' to ensure all children, in our school, continue to reach their potential and achieve highly, in all areas of the curriculum e.g. Mathematics, Reading and Spelling.

The school expects all parents to listen to their child read at home, to help them learn spellings or support them with their Maths homework. Sometimes parents do not know how to support their child as '*they learn differently to how I was taught...*'-so we provide various workshops designed to help parents, support their child/ren.

Indeed when children start at our school, in Reception through to Year 2-our parents are very enthusiastic and proactive and listen to their child/ren read; share stories at home and enjoy books together as well as support their child/ren with 'learning new words' or their 'times tables.' These activities are proven to develop a child's confidence, fluency and love of reading, which is vital, in order for them to be successful, not only in reading but other areas of the curriculum e.g. Maths-if a child can't read the problem, they can't apply the Maths needed to solve it.

However, when children move to Year 3-these reading activities or evidence of them, 'seem to stop'-as though '...because my child/ren is now in Y3, 4, 5 or 6 , I don't need to listen to them read.'

Unfortunately this is not the case.

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It is readily accepted that if a child reads at home and 'enjoys reading' they are more likely to do well at school. We want to encourage all our parents to listen to their child/ren read, every day **or** 3 to 4 times a week, irrespective of their age or reading confidence. This will help:

- **develop a love of reading**-do you sit and share stories together, do you read to your child or do they read aloud to the family?
- **engage their child/ren within a range of books**-is your child reading an appropriate book **or** is it too easy or too hard?
- **communicate with their child's class teacher by writing an appropriate comment, in their child's reading record**-do you know what you should be looking for when your child reads to you and what you should write?

Unfortunately, since changing the homework requirements in Key Stage 2 (please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the letter sent in the Autumn term) and after monitoring the 'Reading Records' of children across the school; it seems parents of our Key Stage 2 children (Year 3-6) are not necessarily doing this **or** they are not communicating this to school. Perhaps it is because parents do not know what to write, or how to support their child in this area **or** they believe their child does not need this anymore because they 'can read.'



If that is the case, please come along to the 'Key Stage 2 Reading-Should my child read at home' workshops where Mrs Wright will explain further the new expectations for 'reading at home' and provide helpful tips for parents.

Reading is such an important skill-help your child now, don't wait. The Parent Workshops are there for you. To help you, help your child-please make the most of this opportunity.

A message from Mr Batey



NSPCC Parent Workshop-'Keeping your child safe online'

More and more children are using iPads, Smartphones, Ipods, Apple watches as well as a range of other devices which connect directly to the internet. Through texting, gaming and social media our children are exposed to an ever expanding world.

The internet can be a wonderful learning tool, but if children are to use it safely, it makes sense to establish rules for good practice with them right from the start. Do you know what they are doing **or** who they are 'talking to?' while online.

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we take e-safety very seriously. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read in more detail, our school's E-Safety Policy as well as our E-Safety Leaflet, which you can print off, at home and where you can view a short video providing further information about 'keeping your child safe while working online.'

As well as this, on Wednesday 22nd February, at 2.00-3.00pm in the school hall we have managed to arrange a 'Parent Workshop' which will be run by the NSPCC and will provide further information and guidance about 'keeping your child safe while using the internet, or online.'

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the letter which was sent out yesterday, regarding booking places for this workshop. If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the NSPCC website.

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24 March 2017

Red Noses

Friday 24th March 2017 is Red Nose Day. This year, we will be selling red noses in school in the run up to the day itself, as well as doing other fundraising activities on Red Nose day. Further information on these activities will be sent nearer the time.

Vacancies in School

We currently have vacancies in school for a part-time administration assistant and a full time class teacher. For more information please see the school [website](#).

Annie the Musical

The Grantham Academy of Performing Arts are looking for new members to join the cast for their next production- 'Annie the Musical.' This is open to children of all ages.


If you are interested then please contact Matthew Hewitt on 07957 567507 or email perform@gapa.me for more information.

From the people who brought you 'Les Miserables school edition' and 'Miss Saigon school edition.'

JOIN THE CAST!

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Produced and directed by Matthew Hewitt with musical direction
from Lee Harvey and choreography by Jane Hewitt.

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The Grantham Academy of Performing Arts or an application form please email:
perform@gapa.me or call 07957 567507**

We are happy to signpost out of school activities from other providers. However, parents should not regard this an endorsement or recommendation, and must satisfy themselves of the suitability of the activity for their child.